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Whatever happened to Marita Zobel, LVN's singing sweetheart?

Bombs kill 83 in Egypt: 'What's the point of all this?'

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt—"They are mad. What's the point of all this?" cried a young British barmaid after a succession of massive bomb blasts transformed Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh from a holiday-makers' paradise into an inferno of blood and destruction.

"They won't go to heaven. No religion can accept such a thing," said Carol, who works in a

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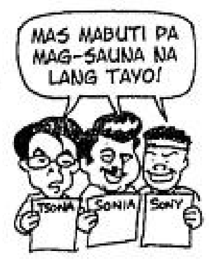
State of the Nation morphs to Tsona to Sonia to Sony

By Blanche S. Rivera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THE STATE of the Nation Address (Sona) is on a roll.

First there was Tsona—True State of the Nation Address—delivered by opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

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Palace goes on offensive

ALL'S WELL at the Palace on Friday night with President Arroyo and Vice President Noli de Castro in amiable consultation with each other before they sit down to dine with members of the Cabinet at the Aguinaldo state dining room.

MALACAÑANG PHOTO

'GMA has the right to defend herself'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Philip C. Tubeza and Blanche S. Rivera

TAKING the offensive, Malacañang yesterday challenged the opposition to consolidate its evidence of wrongdoing against President Macapagal-Arroyo, instead of bellyaching.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye also defended Ms Arroyo's decision to promptly answer the impeachment case against her before opposition lawmakers could amend the initial formal complaint.

Bouncing back from the initial shock caused by Ms Arroyo's reply even before Congress could formally notify her of the case, Rep. Ronaldo Zamora and other opposition lawmakers said they would push ahead and file a stronger complaint, warning they would take the fight to the streets if the administration blocked it.

The opposition earlier expressed suspicion that the filing of Ms Arroyo's formal answer by Pedro Ferrer, a fairly unknown lawyer, might be a legal ploy, in the absence of clear-cut impeachment rules, to preempt the filing of a more potent case against her than that initially filed by lawyer Oliver Lozano.

The opposition plans to file its amended complaint tomorrow morning ahead of Ms Arroyo's State of the Nation Address before Congress.

Opposition lawmakers feared the

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Luli Arroyo: Her mother's secret weapon

By the Lifestyle staff

EDWIN BACASMAS

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT she's not as Luli Arroyo has put everything on hold since her mother became President 4 four years ago to be at her service as she serves the country. Untainted by gossip or scandal, the First Daughter is her mother's most credible ally today.

ASK Luli Arroyo what she's had to sacrifice since her mother, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, became President and she'll say with wry humor, "Let me count the ways."

For one, she has agreed to do this interview, despite her deep resentment of the media and what she perceives to be their undeserved bashing of her mother.

For another, she has taken on extra ceremonial duties since dad Mike Arroyo's "voluntary exile" to San Francisco, California. At 34, the single Luli should be concerned with career development or looking for Mr. Right. Instead, she has been making the rounds of ribbon-cuttings where, in happier times, the First Gentleman would have done nicely.

She has also put on hold a career in international relations, for which she has a masteral degree from Georgetown University in the US. Instead, she is associated today with a non-profit organization called the Foundation for IT Education and Development that five years ago piloted the training of public school teachers in using information technology to teach the core curriculum.

She can count the ways indeed, but Luli Arroyo doesn't seem to have much choice. Untainted by gossip or scandal, unassuming in an almost mouse-like way, never cloying and remarkably grounded, the First Daughter is the President's most credible ally today. And the way things are in her mother's government these days, she may be her family's secret weapon, a last Samurai coming to the defense of an embattled empress.

That she is as feisty, articulate and strong-willed as GMA, and just as petite, may work for or against her, but it is clear she is her mother's daughter.

"I may become unpopular soon," she says, and it's not just because of her steadfast support of her mother's decision to stay as President despite issues of vote-rigging. Luli has also demanded more privacy for GMA when it's family time.

Sunday continues to be "family time" even as the President and her children are oceans apart from the other half of the Arroyo family, the First Gentleman and older son Mikey having left for the United States in a last-ditch effort to help the President fend off criticisms of their involvement in the "jueteng" scandal.

In the worst of times, as in the best, who else do you turn to but family and that's what GMA has been doing. The President and Luli now have plenty of time to catch up on each other in the evenings because they sleep in one bed.

"We have a big bed but we occupy only one-eighth of the bed *kasi ang liit-liit namin*," says Luli, humorously indicating their teeny-weeniness with her fingers.

In case you've been wondering, yes, the President is able to sleep soundly, according to her daughter.

Conversations with her mother are no different from those of other families, says Luli. "The priority is what is Eve's new word for the day," she quips. Eve is the President's second grandchild by her younger son Dato.

At the end of the day, is keeping the position worth the heartaches and the headaches her mother and the rest of the family are going through?

This country is always worth the sacrifice, says Luli. She adds that her grandfather, Diosdado Macapagal, the ninth president of the Republic, would be crestfallen to learn how low the level of politics has sunk today. "But I also think he would be very proud of the way my mother has handled the situation and how strong she is," she says.

For more of Luli, please turn to the Lifestyle section, page C1.

'No more excuses' is battlecry of youth group

By Volt Contreras

THEY are the youngblood who will inherit the country and their plea is: "No more excuses, Philippines!"

It's the motto of "RockEd Philippines," a movement cited by the United Nations' Millennium Development Campaign and launched three weeks ago by a circle of professionals in their 30s who tour campuses giving pep talks aimed at sparking patriotism and good citizenship among the youth.

RockEd stands for "Rock Society Through Education." As the name implies, it integrates rock music, visual arts and other unconventional teaching mediums that can make discussions of social issues more appealing to the so-called MTV generation.

The group has visited close to 20 public and private high schools and colleges, tapping volunteers like singers Noel Cabangon and Paolo Santos to play a number or two in campus auditoriums, before other volunteers give their talk.

"This is our kind of People Power," said the group's founder P. Therese "Gang" Badoy in an interview last week. "Our method is nothing new; we just want to make young Filipinos more interested in socio-civic issues and raise their sense of country."

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'Wonder Boy' flooded with text messages of inspiration, hope

By Madonna T. Virola
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

VICTORIA, Oriental Mindoro—One texter wanted to know if the Wonder Boy of Mindoro had a solution to the national crisis. Another thought he would be a great president. Still another wanted to buy his father's sperm.

The story of 4-year-old Adrian "Adi" Maronilla Jr. has given Filipinos not only a breather from the scandals racking their country but also inspiration and hope.

Since the story of the boy who, at age of 1, could sing do-re-mi and, at age 2, could tick off the names of some 60 countries appeared on the front page of the INQUIRER last week, Adi's parents, Adrian Sr. and Marynol, have received streams of text messages and cell phone calls from all over the country.

Adrian Sr. had to take leave from work to help Marynol answer messages from readers.

Many texters asked Adi for solutions to the national crisis.

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HOW DO WE SOLVE the national crisis? Some texters asked Adrian Maronilla Jr. after the story of the whiz kid was printed in the PDI on July 20. An inspiring, refreshing respite from Gloriagate, say other texters.

MADONNA T. VIROLA PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms mostly in the afternoon.
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Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

LIM: The key is communication

Listen to young officers, AFP told

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

AFTER disowning a manifesto purportedly issued by the Young Officers' Union (YOU), the founder of YOU himself yesterday urged the Armed Forces top brass to "listen" to its junior officers.

YOU founder Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, now commander of the First Scout Rangers Regiment, said there is nothing to lose if top officials of the military listen to the issues and concerns raised by junior officers.

"The key to all of this is continuous lines of communication, dialog with our younger officers and men, to look at their concerns, to figure (out their) sentiments, to listen to the issues they may have and of course to address these concerns.," Lim said.

On Thursday, YOU issued a three-page manifesto announcing it was breaking a 10-year peace accord to try and bring down President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Lim, former YOU chair, however, denied that the manifesto came from the YOU, saying the YOU disbanded in 1995 after signing a peace accord with the Ramos administration.

But he did not discount the possibility that disgruntled officers and men may have revived the YOU.

In a press conference at Camp Aguinaldo yesterday, Lim read a statement prepared by the Armed Forces denouncing the manifesto, which surfaced just as the President is being confronted by allegations that she cheated in the last elections.

Lim said legitimate members of the defunct YOU see the manifesto as "malicious, contrary to facts and an insult to the intelligence and professional conduct of the young officers of the Armed Forces."

Lim said he had no idea which individuals or groups may be behind the manifesto.

He said he has spoken with former YOU members, among them Col. Ariel Querubin and Col. Juancho Saban of the Marines and PNP Senior Supt. Diosdado Valeroso, who likewise disowned the manifesto.

A younger version of the Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM), the YOU staged a coup against former President Corazon Aquino in December 1989.

Meanwhile, military spokesperson Lt. Col. Buenaventura Pascual downplayed the recent visit to Sulu of Armed Forces chief Gen. Efren Abu as not unusual.

"Pep talk, that was all," he said.

Abu himself said he was not conducting loyalty check on ground troops. *With a report from Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

For GMA, Sona is about survival

By Gil C. Cabacungan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's state of the nation address on Monday will be about her very political survival.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said the President realizes how crucial this year's Sona will be and has personally taken charge of its preparation with "focus and intensity."

Ermita said that among the items the President would tackle were her accomplishments, how she is managing the economy, peace initiatives and proposed amendments to the Constitution.

A Cabinet official, who requested anonymity, said the President was expected to clarify her admission and apology for talking to an election official during the 2004 elections.

The official blamed the recent plunge in President's ratings to a "misinterpretation" of her "I am sorry" speech of June 27 which he said had misled people into thinking that her apology was an admission of guilt, that she had committed electoral fraud.

Administration Sen. Miriam Santiago said the President would in all likelihood use the Sona to appeal to the people to give her a second chance.

"She's not going to attack. She will be conciliatory. She will say, 'You wanted my husband out, I sent him to exile. You wanted me to talk about the tape, I said sorry. Now please give me a second chance,'" the senator said in a statement.

'i' word

Santiago said the "i" word (for impeachment) will be unspoken, "but it will be a brooding omnipresence in the sky."

"As he or she listens to the President's speech, the sober thought running through each lawmaker's mind will be whether there is reasonable cause to remove a President who has been elected by millions, by a mere 1/3 vote of 236 representatives and another 2/3 vote of 23 senators. In other words, should 79 representatives plus 18 senators—or a total of some 100 people—exercise the power to veto the choice of millions of Filipinos," she said.

Amid rumors that legislators clamoring for her resignation would walk out during the Sona to embarrass the President, Malacañang is counting on plain good manners and Filipino tradition to hold sway.

"We expect all members of Congress, being honorable men and women, will treat with hospitality all their guests, including the President," said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye in dzCL radio interview.

Santiago said she hoped the opposition would not stage a walk-out "for the sake of good manners."

"To boycott would be sufficient to express disapproval. But to walk out would be rude not only to the President, but also to the institution of the presidency," Santiago said.

'Phase 2'

The President is expected to outline "phase 2" of her economic reforms, along with other measures designed to ease widespread poverty, create jobs, lure foreign investment, improve the country's negative credit outlook and fight terrorism and crime.

Corruption also should be high on the agenda.

Ms Arroyo is also expected to undertake further damage control with a series of actions aimed at bolstering public trust – and her poor approval ratings.

The public may hear details of a truth commission that the President announced will look into the allegations against her – who will be named to the commission and what clout it will have amid opposition moves to impeach her.

She is likely to appeal for national unity as well.

She is also likely to make some moves to reach out to opponents among the left wing and the poor, perhaps by offering progress in compensating victims of human rights abuses under the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

But no single act or speech can turn public opinion around, said the Cabinet official. Only when she puts into motion the programs in the Sona can the President's abysmal trust and approval ratings be boosted, he said.

With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana and AP

It's all about credibility, says Abad

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

ABAD

THE PRESIDENT can promise the moon in her state of the nation address but if the people no longer believe in her, this will all be for naught.

"The main issue in the Sona is her credibility and leadership," said resigned Education Secretary Florencio Abad, one of the so-called Hyatt 10 group of Cabinet members who quit and called on Ms Arroyo to step down.

He said Ms Arroyo's problem was whether she can still convince the people to trust her enough to cooperate in difficult economic reforms, such as the imposition of more taxes and the campaign against corruption.

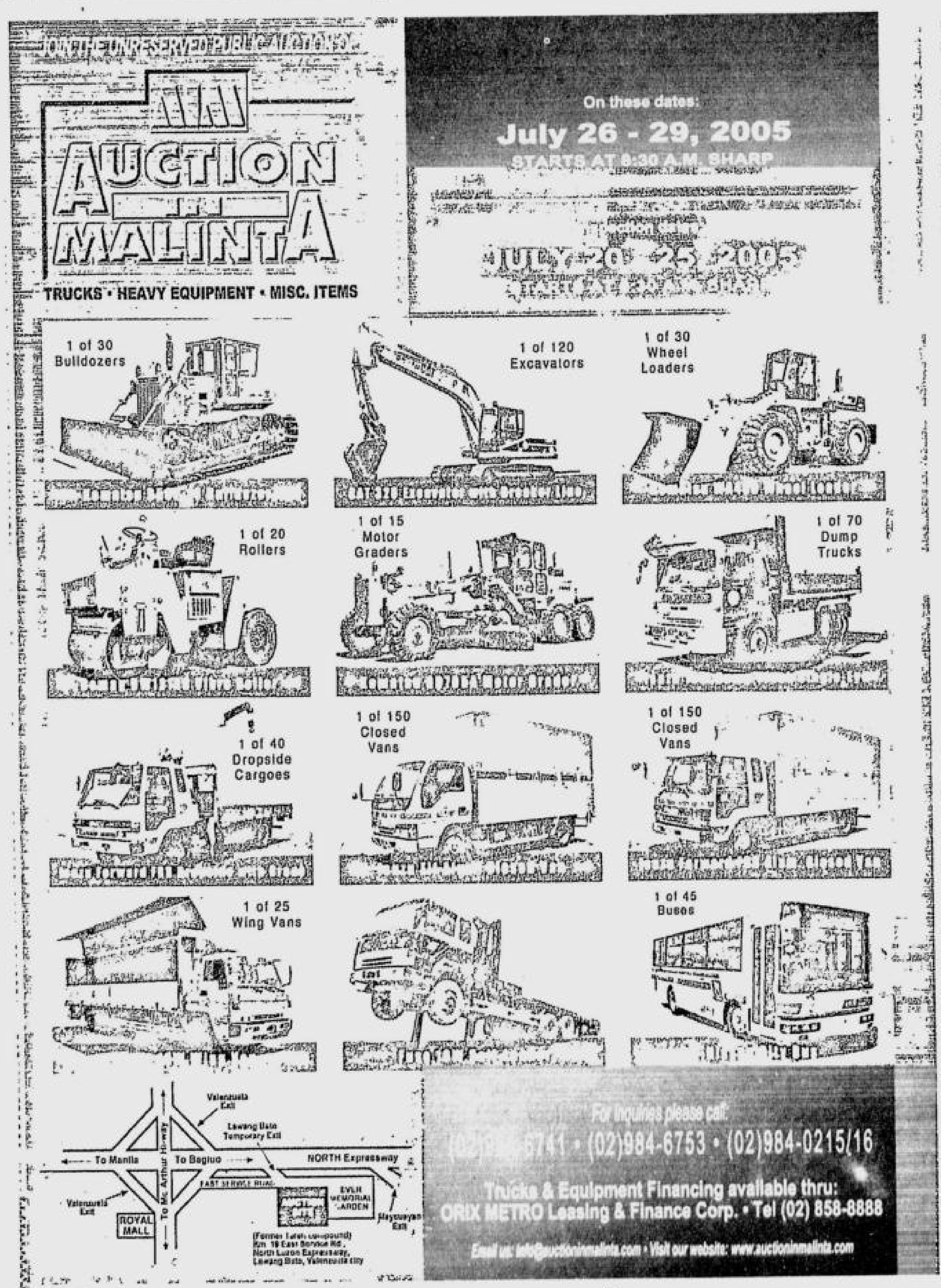
Abad said he hoped Ms Arroyo would "surprise us again" in the Sona just as she did in December 2003 when she made the unexpected announcement that she would no longer run for President.

"She can say she has caused more divisions and maybe it's good if she will just step aside and declare herself a caretaker president," he said.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said eight opposition senators, including himself, would snub the Sona.

Pimentel left out Sen. Edgardo Angara, the ninth minority senator.

Pimentel said the boycott was consistent with their stand that "Mrs. Arroyo no longer has any credibility left in her body so that whatever she says will have no meaning for the people."



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Sound bites bite, Gonzalez laments

By Armand N. Nocum

FOR JUSTICE Secretary Raul Gonzalez, television "sound bites" do just that – they bite!

And so last Friday, he told TV reporters that he would no longer allow them to interview him.

Gonzalez, however, would remain accessible to a handful of print reporters – the INQUIRER included.

"Never mind the sound bites ... *Kagat ako ng* sound bites. I'm being bitten by sound bites," Gonzalez said last Wednesday during an interview with TV, print and radio reporters at the Department of Justice.

Gonzalez was reacting to a request by GMA 7 reporter Joseph Morong, who asked the official to clearly state his denial to charges that he had been allegedly sitting on the $2 million bribery issue involving former Justice Secretary Hernando Perez.

In the past, Gonzalez had always been accommodating to DOJ media. He would answer questions from print journalists and when requested, repeat them to TV reporters so they could get good sound bites.

Lately, the justice secretary had been shunning interview requests from all reporters, since he received flak for saying that former President Corazon C. Aquino should mind her scandal-prone daughter Kris Aquino, instead of minding the affairs of government.

In a much-talked about interview last Sunday on "The Buzz," Kris said she was hurt by Gonzalez's comments especially since the popular actress and TV host had campaigned for President Macapagal-Arroyo in last year's elections.

Talks were rife that Ms Arroyo, who apologized to Kris, had scolded Gonzalez.

In an earlier interview, however, Gonzalez denied this, saying he had a "good conversation" with the President last Sunday.

When asked what Ms Arroyo had told him, Gonzalez said, "Do I have to tell you everything, even the way I comb my hair?"

He explained that if he was getting criticized for his comments and views, it was because he was trying to be accommodating to the media.

"It would be rude to shoo you away when you are waiting at my door for interviews," he said. "I never speak without being asked."

Gonzalez said he was willing to take all these attacks and still the President could count on him to be the "last Cabinet man standing." But for now, Gonzalez said he'd rather concentrate on initiating judicial and prison reforms.

Ombudsman starts probe of 'jueteng'

By Armand N. Nocum

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman has started its investigation into the involvement of congressmen, governors, mayors, police generals and other government officials in the illegal numbers game of jueteng.

Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo said they have sent investigators to the Senate and House hearings on jueteng to secure transcripts and other documents that would provide them leads on how to pin down these government officials for graft.

"We are pursuing investigation against non-impeachable officials who have been linked to jueteng," he said.

The Ombudsman started its jueteng probe last May 23 after the President ordered an investigation of members of her family – including her son Reps. Juan Miguel 'Mikey' Arroyo and brother-in-law Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo – who were accused of accepting kickbacks from suspected jueteng lords.

But Marcelo lamented that due to lack of personnel, they are "to a certain extent" dependent on the testimonies of jueteng witnesses during the Senate and House investigations.

Among those linked to jueteng so far were Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda and Governors Raul R. Lee (Sorsogon), Armando Sanchez (Batangas), Jesus Typoco Jr. (Camarines Sur), Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson (Ilocos Sur), Luis Raymund Villafuerte (Camarines Sur), and retired police Gen. Restituto Mosqueda.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is also conducting a "lifestyle check" on suspected jueteng lords and their protectors in government to pin them down for tax evasion.

Newly appointed BIR Commissioner Jose Mario C. Buñag said even Mikey and Iggy would not be spared from the lifestyle check.

Bridge project covered 3 Presidents, Ping told

PAGADIAN CITY—The claim of opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson that funds for bridge projects in the Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga del Norte were used in the 2004 presidential elections has no basis, the head of the government's Mindanao bridge program and officials of Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga del Norte said yesterday. At the same time, the Department of Public Works and Highways said the bridge program covered the administration of three presidents.

They challenged Lacson to visit the two provinces, which he claimed in his version of the "state of the nation" the other day as having been recipients of an allegedly anomalous P8.3-billion President's Bridge program during the 2004 elections.

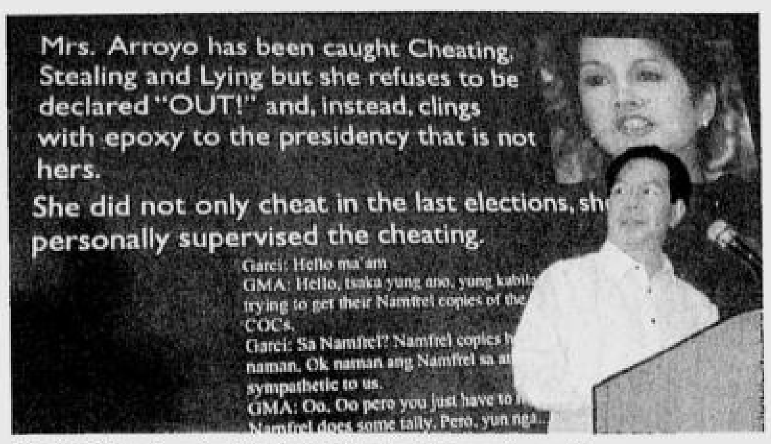
"I encourage Sen. Lacson to visit my town," said Mayor Eutiquio Famor of Dumalinao, Zamboanga del Sur.

"My people are very happy with these bridges," he said.

Dumalinao is one of several municipalities that Lacson said were recipients of a President's bridge "that lead to nowhere."

"I don't think his [Lacson's] allegations are founded on material evidence," said Zamboanga del Norte governor Rolando Yebes, chair of the Regional Development Council in Western Mindanao.

Kagim Jajurie, project chief of the Tulay ng Pangulo in Mindanao under the Special Zone of Peace and Development (SZOPAD), said there were no irregularities in the program and that Lacson could "see for himself the extent of the project."


Mrs. Arroyo has been caught Cheating, Stealing and Lying but she refuses to be declared "OUT!" and, instead, clings with epoxy to the presidency that is not hers.

She did not only cheat in the last elections, sh personally supervised the cheating.

Garci: Hello ma'am

GMA: Hello, tsaka yung ano, yung kabil trying to get their Namfrel copies of the COCs.

Garci: Sa Namfrel? Namfrel copies h naman. Ok naman ang Namfrel sa a sympathetic to us.

GMA: Oo. Oo pero you just have to Namfrel does some tally. Pero, yun nga...

LACSON delivering his "true" state of the nation address.

He said that of the 525 bridges allocated to Mindanao under the Tulay ng Pangulo program, "we completed a total of 440 bridges in various sites in Mindanao," and 86 are still unfinished as of July 2005.

The pre-fabricated modular steel used for the bridges were being shipped from Britain, and their quality ensured that the bridges would last from 100 to 150 years, he said.

In answer to Lacson's allegations, the Department of Public Works and Highways clarified that the P8.3-billion bridge program spanned three administrations, from the Ramos, Estrada and Arroyo presidencies.

It said the project was undertaken with the help of Britain and was being closely monitored by the British government.

Famor, a member of the ruling Lakas, said Lacson may have been fed false information by his political opponents in order to discredit President Macapagal-Arroyo.

He recalled how after the inauguration of the Tulay ng Pangulo Project in Barangay Baloboan on May 9, "the office of [Public Works] Secretary Hermogenes Ebdane received a resolution purportedly coming from the barangay officials of Baloboan."

Ebdane ordered an investigation which Famor said turned up the information that the resolution deploring the construction of the bridge at Baloboan was a fake.

Baloboan barangay officials later executed an affidavit denying having passed such a resolution.

He said Zamboanga del Sur Rep. Antonio Cerilles, of the Nationalist People's Coalition, also wrote a letter to Ebdane complaining that the Baloboan bridge had been constructed "on a dead-end road."

According to the records of the Zamboanga del Sur planning and development office, 65 bridges under the program have had been completed since Ms Arroyo took office in 2001. *Michael F. Sarcauga and Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Malaysia postpones KL talks

THREE days after communist insurgents scuttled peace talks with the Arroyo administration, the government suffered another setback in its bid to forge peace in Mindanao after talks with another group of rebels were postponed indefinitely.

Malaysia, which was to host the next round of talks between the Philippine government and the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front, has postponed the talks scheduled for Monday in Kuala Lumpur, a rebel spokesperson said Saturday.

"No reason was given. That was just the information," said Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson.

Kabalu said Malaysia did not indicate when the talks would push through. "As to when it will be held, we do not know."

MILF chief negotiator Mohagher Iqbal yesterday told the INQUIRER the rebel group received the notice of postponement on Friday. No reason given for the postponement, he said.

"Usually the Malaysian government informs us if the peace talks will push through or not five-to-six days ahead of the schedule meeting. But (on Friday), we received notice of the postponement," Iqbal said.

Malaysia has provided a venue and secretariat facilities for more than 10 rounds of formal and informal talks already and also leads a 60-member international ceasefire monitoring team.

Chief government negotiator, Silvestre Afable, could not be immediately reached for comment.

On Wednesday, the communist-led National Democratic Front scrapped negotiations with the Arroyo administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo, saying it would rather wait for a new government.

Afable last week said the talks with the MILF would continue despite the political crisis embroiling Ms Arroyo's government over alleged election fraud, which spurred the resignations of 11 Cabinet members and calls for the President to step down.

Among the officials who resigned was Teresita Deles, presidential adviser to the peace talks with Muslim and communist rebels.

Kabalu said negotiators were scheduled to discuss governance, including managing resources and territory in Muslim areas.

He indicated that this stage of the talks would lead both sides closer to a "political solution" of the more than 30 years of Muslim struggle for self-rule in Mindanao.

During the June 21 exploratory talks held in the Malaysian capital, the government and the MILF aired satisfaction with the positive achievements of the Ad-Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG).

The AHJAG has been tasked to run after terrorists, crime syndicates and other unlawful groups.

During the said meeting, they agreed to extend the cooperation for one more year," subject to further discussions on proposed amendments to its guidelines."

At the same time, negotiators agreed to draft clear parameters and principles to be pursued on the issues of governance and ancestral domain.

In another development, Maj. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, chief of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said members of the government and rebel ceasefire committees have established a joint monitoring assistance center in Guindulungan and Talayan towns in Maguindanao to prevent misencounters between the military and MILF rebels.

"Our operations against Abu Sayyaf gunmen continue with the help of some Muslim informants," Dema-ala said.

Since last week, at least six Abu Sayyaf rebels have been killed and an undetermined number were injured in the intensified hunt for Khadaffy Janjalani and his forces.

Janjalani and Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon fled Sulu in 2003, at the height of the military offensive against the bandit group.

They entered Maguindanao via the coastal town of Palimbang in Sultan Kudarat province. *AP, Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau.*

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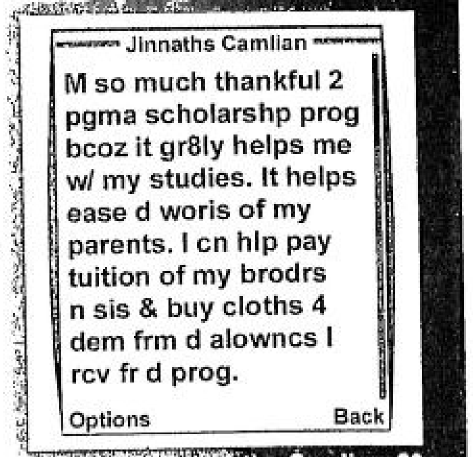

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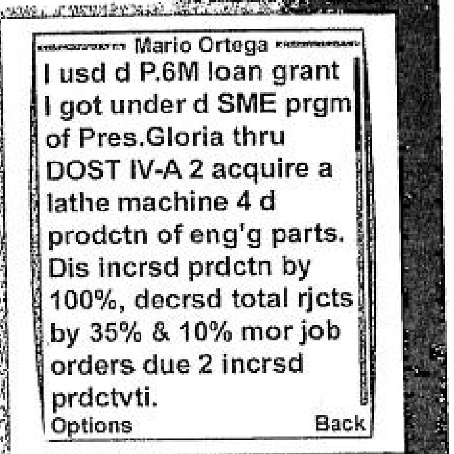

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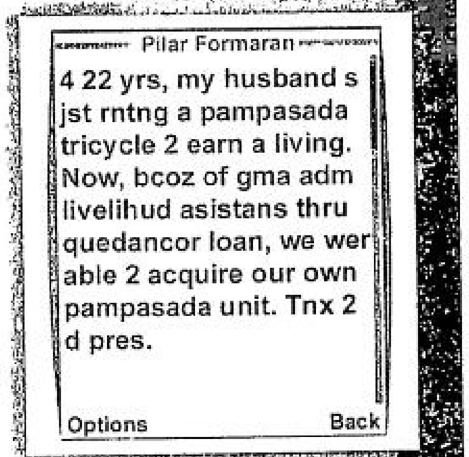

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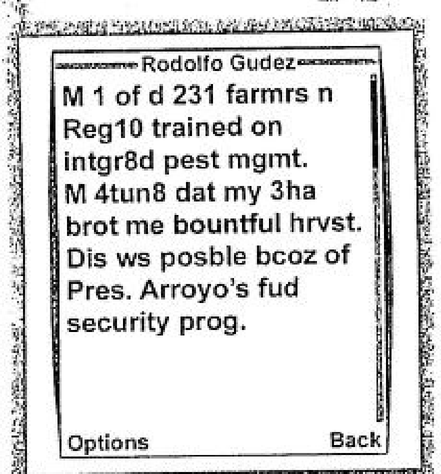

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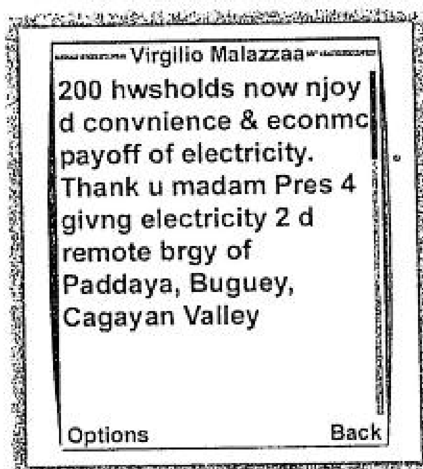

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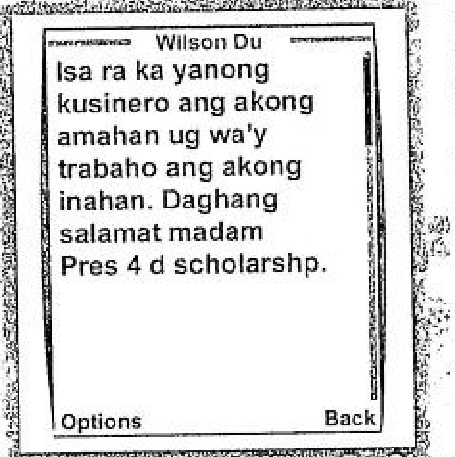

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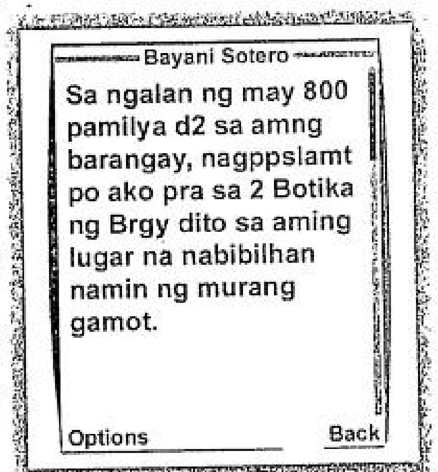

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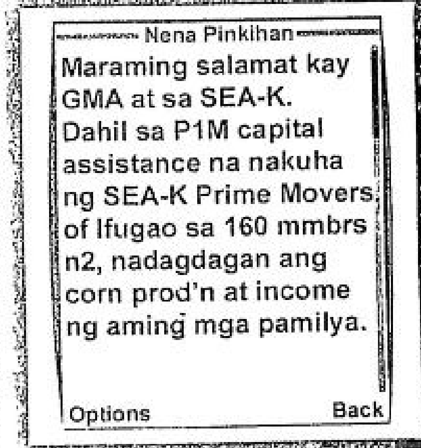

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Halaw mula sa People's Journal
Feb. 22, 2004

Dati, puro kerosene lamps. Walang namamalantsa kasi ang plantsa na de-uling, nakakadumi ng damit. Ngayon, unang-una, maliwanag na. Wala nang itim-itim na mga ceiling. Dumami na ang TV. Talagang unti-unting pumapatas na rin sa normal na buhay sa baba (bayan).

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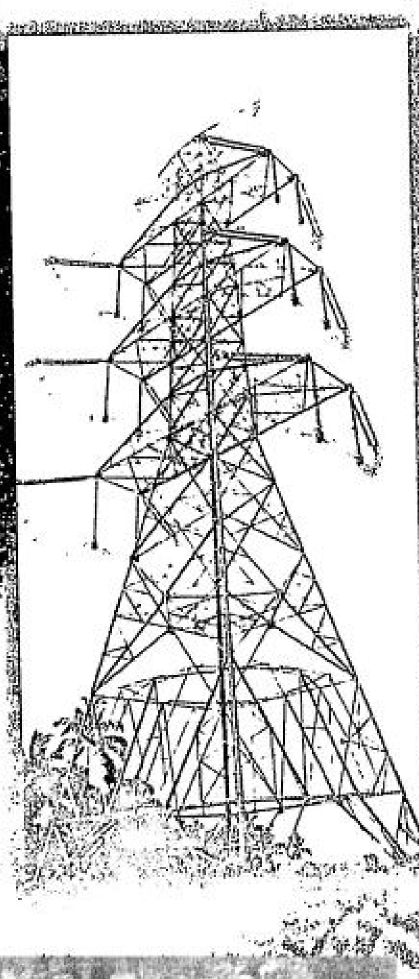
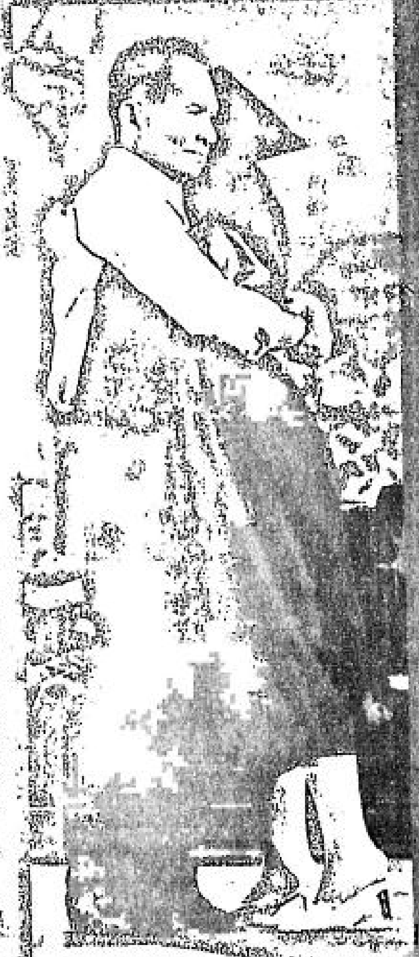
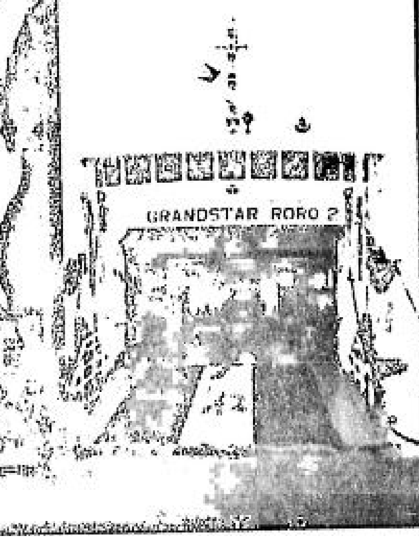
Halaw mula sa Pinoy Ang Galing! People's Tonight
April 11, 2004

From a sari-sari store she put up in 2000, Maria Etongan of Vigan City, a handicapped housewife, is now renting two convenient stalls at the Vigan Public Market, thanks to the SEA-K Program of Pres. Arroyo. She now heads the Vigan Differently-Abled Association as pioneer president.

From the Ilocos Herald
July 19, 2005







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LETTER FROM AMERICA

Carlos Bulosan: Seattle remembers once-forgotten author

SEATTLE—Carlos Bulosan collapsed on a courthouse lawn one day in 1956 and died at the age of 44, poor and unemployed, with none of the trappings of a famous author. He was buried in an unmarked grave.

It was the end of a life of backbreaking work, illness and suffering – but also literary achievement and accolades from an American president.

Bulosan's literary works – buried and forgotten during the later stages of his life – have been resurrected and are now read widely, thanks to the efforts of Asian-American scholars and the University of Washington Press.

His 1946 masterpiece, "America Is In the Heart," is one of the most widely used books in Asian-American studies classes around the world.

"It is considered the premier text of the Filipino-American experience," said Greg Castilla, a Seattle scholar and social-work supervisor who wrote his doctoral dissertation on Bulosan. "He was a migrant worker who became a prolific writer."

A Bulosan tribute mural and pictorial exhibit grace the lobby of the Eastern Hotel in Seattle, where Bulosan first landed in America on July 22, 1930. His once-unmarked grave now has a fancy granite headstone, bought by community activists.

Bulosan was 17 years old, an uneducated peasant boy from Pangasinan seeking a new life when he came to Seattle. The 75th anniversary of his arrival gave those who knew him here a moment to reflect on his life.

Fred Cordova, 72, co-director of the Seattle-based National Filipino American Historical Society, knew Bulosan during the author's union organizing days in the late 1940s and early 1950s, when his days as a celebrated author were behind him.

"He was a little guy, very slim, and he was always very well-dressed all the time," Cordova said. "He was not what you'd call a charismatic speaker. He was unassuming and very quiet – a very gentle person. But he wrote like a lion."

Cordova said he and Bulosan visited family homes, union halls, and other gathering spots for activists. Bulosan was not that famous among the regular folks in the Seattle community, Cordova recalled.

Much of "America Is in the Heart" details the hard life of the Filipino migrant worker in the post-Depression years.

Bulosan worked up and down the West Coast in low-paying hotel service jobs, in fields, and in fish canneries. He became bitterly disillusioned, started getting involved in union organizing and taught himself to read and write.

He wrote of Filipino workers putting in 12-hour days – picking fruit, washing dishes, cutting fish and cleaning houses – for less than $1 per day. Many were exploited, beaten and robbed of their meager wages.

"I feel like a criminal running away from a crime," he wrote in one of his earlier works. "And this crime is that I am a Filipino in America."

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Bulosan to write an essay about America and its "Freedom From Want." It was published in the Saturday Evening Post along with three essays by other famous authors.

Bulosan first gained national acclaim with a book of poems, "Letter From America," published in 1942. Another poetry collection, "Voice of Bataan," came one year later. His first big bestseller, "Laughter of My Father," was published in 1944 and was translated into seven languages. "America Is In the Heart," came two years later and propelled Bulosan to literary stardom.

When his star faded, Bulosán returned to Seattle to do organizing and publicity work for Local 37 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, now the International Longshore and Warehouse Union.

The 1970s brought a wave of ethnic awareness, and with it, a new appreciation for authors like Bulosan.

The University of Washington Press, the caretaker of Bulosan's literary properties since 1973, first republished "America Is In the Heart" in 1974. It has had 15 printings since then and sells about 4,000 copies yearly. *AP*

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, July 24, 2005
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1st Kings 3:5,7-12

God's treasure of wisdom

Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "O Yahweh my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a young boy who does not know how to undertake anything. Meantime, your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen—a people so great that they can neither be numbered nor counted.

"Give me, therefore, an understanding mind in governing your people that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to govern this multitude of people of yours?"

Yahweh was pleased that Solomon had made this request. And he told him, "Because you have requested this rather than long life or wealth or even vengeance on your enemies; indeed, because you have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I shall grant you your request. I now give you a wise and discerning mind such as no one has had before you nor anyone after you shall ever have."

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

God's wise plan with man

Brothers and sisters, we know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him, whom he has called according to his plan. Those whom he knew beforehand, he has also predestined to be like his Son, similar to him, so that he may be the Firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And so, those whom God predestined he called, and those whom he called he makes righteous, and to those whom he makes righteous he will give his Glory.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

God's kingdom is the most precious treasure

Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. The one who finds it buries it again; and so happy is he, that he goes and sells everything he has, in order to buy that field.

"Again the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who is looking for fine pearls. Once he has found a pearl of exceptional quality, he goes away, sells everything he has and buys it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a big fishing net let down into the sea, in which every kind of fish has been caught. When the net is full, it is dragged ashore. Then they sit down and gather the good fish in buckets, but throw the worthless ones away. That is how it will be at the end of time; the angels will go out to separate the wicked from the just and throw them into the blazing furnace, where they will weep and gnash their teeth."

Jesus asked, "Have you understood all these things?" "Yes," they answered. So he said to them, "You will see that every teacher of the Law who becomes a disciple of the Kingdom is like a householder who can produce from his store things both new and old."

Commentary

More marvelous stories. A man finds a treasure hidden in a field. How? And he buries it again. Why? Sells all that he has and buys the field. And rejoices! What about us? Most of us would consider it 'finders keepers' and take the treasure and run. What's the treasure? The word of God, the kingdom of the poor and just, the presence of the Risen Lord, our relationship with the Father, in Jesus, by the power of the Spirit—all of these! But you can't have the treasure alone—you have to have the community (the field) as well. And nothing else matters—it brings such joy to share it with others. The story of the pearl of great price found! Again joy! Sell everything (give to the poor and lay up treasure in heaven!) and what do you do with one pearl? Make a ring out of it—or find others to string together on a necklace (all the stories of God strung together)... or better still sell it again to bring joy to the poor. These are all the meanings, and they are just the first layers. Dig, look—don't take for yourself. Share the Word together and find the treasure that has been given to others!

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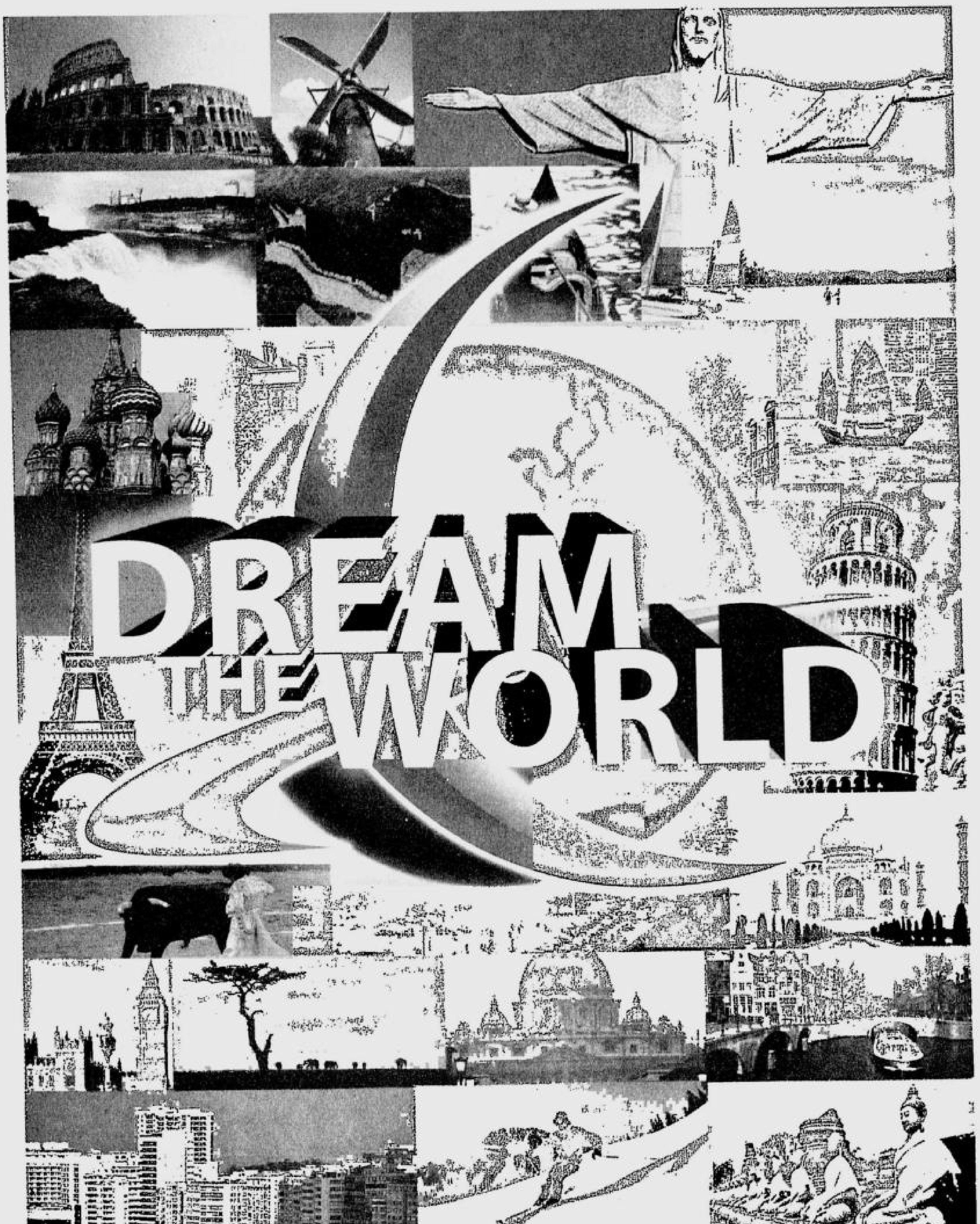

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They're throwing even the kitchen sink at GMA

By Philip C. Tubeza

THEY'RE throwing the book at her.

The amended impeachment complaint to be filed tomorrow against President Macapagal-Arroyo will cite five grounds for impeachment and also hold her liable for the deaths of leftist activists, a militant lawmaker said yesterday.

Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teodoro Casiño, one of the endorsers and complainants in the case, said the complaint would charge Ms Arroyo with culpable violation of the Constitution, betrayal of public trust, bribery, graft and corruption, and other high crimes.

He said that besides specific impeachable acts revolving around "cheating, lying and stealing," she would also be held responsible for the deaths of leftist activists during her term and other human rights violations.

"This shows that we will not just focus on the tapes," Casiño said, referring to Ms Arroyo's alleged wiretapped conversations with former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano involving a conspiracy to cheat in the 2004 elections.

Graft charge

The Left has claimed that 411 of its members and supporters have been killed since Ms Arroyo came to power in 2001.

"The killings would fall under culpable violation of the Constitution. She is as responsible as the generals who butchered leftist activists," said lawyer Neri Colmenares, Bayan Muna's counsel.

Casiño said that under the charge of "stealing," the President would be accused of graft and corruption, particularly for allegedly using government funds during the last elections.

Palace goes on offensive

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early filing of the President's answer would bar them from amending the complaint without the permission of the court or of the respondent, as is the practice under the Rules of Court.

"Her detractors have no right to cry foul to a transparent, legitimate defense," Bunye said, referring to the Ferrer move which had caught the opposition off guard.

"Instead of bellyaching, they should just concentrate on consolidating their evidence, which apparently they have failed to do at this time."

Ferrer answers

In a statement released by Malacañang, Ferrer took "strong exception" to opposition claims that his action would subvert the impeachment process.

"I ask the opposition not to impute malicious motives [to] my actions to protect the President's legal interests, circumscribed as they are by the Constitution."

"My humble record as a legal practitioner shall speak for itself. As the President's counsel of record, I intend to fulfill my mandate to protect her legal rights and to refute charges in the impeachment complaint," Ferrer said.

Bunye said Ms Arroyo's decision to file an immediate answer "is both her right and a clear expression of her willingness to submit to the legal process."

Bunye also said Ms Arroyo merely gave in to the opposition call for her to go through the rigors of an impeachment—a more palatable alternative for Malacañang than calls for her to resign or be overthrown by a people power uprising.

No bribes

Bunye dismissed as "unfair" allegations that Malacañang was bribing lawmakers to dissuade them from signing the impeachment complaint.

By opposition count, only 50 congressmen have indicated support for the impeachment complaint, 29 short of the required number to push the case automatically to the Senate for a trial.

Zamora, the lead impeachment prosecutor, said that Majority Floor Leader Prospero Nograles had assured him that administration lawmakers would not block the filing of the amended complaint.

"He said they will not take any move to stop the amendments from going through and that the House leadership was prepared to endorse it to the justice committee," Zamora said.

First battleground

The justice committee could be the first major battleground in Congress. The committee will decide if the complaint is "sufficient in form and substance" prior to sending to the plenary session for a vote on whether to forward the case to the Senate—assuming the opposition fails to get the 79 votes.

No stonewalling

Nograles said the majority would not prevent the opposition from filing their amendments tomorrow, provided they were filed "on time."

He said he expected the amended complaint to be endorsed to the justice committee tomorrow, adding that it had been included in the House's order of business.

"There will be no stonewalling, delay, or use of technicalities in the impeachment proceedings as the House leadership will be fair, swift and transparent," Nograles said.

He said that the opposition's fears were unfounded since the Rules of Court were only "suppletory" during impeachment proceedings, meaning, they can be used as "basis for a ruling or reference but [are] not necessarily binding."

Nograles also pointed out that the House had yet to adopt its new impeachment rules.

Zamora warning

Zamora warned: "If it turns out that they are just playing legal games with us and will pull a fast one on the public, we will have no other recourse but to go to the streets."

Zamora said that the opposition was just only a few votes away from the needed 79 votes.

But even if the minority does not get the one-third vote of the House, it is prepared to battle it out in the justice committee.

Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos said the opposition agreed at an emergency meeting to press ahead with the filing of an amended complaint.

'Mountains of evidence'

Marcos said the opposition had "mountains of evidence and an army of witnesses longing to participate" in the impeachment process.

She said Nograles, who chairs the committee on rules, had assured the opposition of a reorganization in his committee "in the interest of justice."

Specifically, Nograles has agreed to split the composition of the committee between the majority and minority members in time for the deliberation over the impeachment rules, she said.

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay of Lakas said the House could approve the rules of impeachment in two weeks.

Ms Arroyo is accused in the impeachment complaint filed by Lozano of betrayal of public trust, based on her supposed wiretapped conversations with an election commissioner dealing with alleged attempts to rig the 2004 polls.

GMA's reply

In her answer, Ms Arroyo asked that the impeachment case be dismissed.

She insisted she was "the incumbent and duly elected President," having garnered 12,869,868 votes in 2004.

She also contended that the elections were credible and the results "accurately reflected the will of the electorate."

Ms Arroyo argued that the alleged impeachable acts were carried out outside her term and, hence, not subject to impeachment.

Ms Arroyo said she had "at all times upheld and defended the Constitution" and had "not violated her oath of office."

Since the complaint relied heavily on her alleged wiretapped conversations, "the same obviously cannot be used as evidence in these impeachment proceedings without running afoul of the Constitution and Republic Act. No. 4200," she said.

'Wonder Boy' flooded ...

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"We are very careful not to involve Adi in politics," said Marynol.

In the INQUIRER story, Adi's general message to all was clear: People should talk... there should be no quarrelling because it's bad.

Some readers suggested that Adi would be a better president than some the Philippines had had.

Some advised the couple to have another child. One text message said she was willing to pay for Adrian Sr.'s sperm.

Many asked about the kind of milk Adi drinks and the vitamins he takes.

"We were overwhelmed. We try as much as possible not to let Adi know about this so that he won't be stressed," Marynol said in Flipino.

The couple was most amused by one text message: "*Pagkagaling-galing ng taga-Mindoro. Mabuhay ang mga Mangyan* (The Mindoro folk really excel. Long live the Mangyans)!"

Others weren't content with merely sending text messages.

Gloria Lardizabal, INQUIRER assistant vice president for circulation, facilitated the transport to Mindoro of an organ donated by an anonymous person. Adi's mother had said in the INQUIRER story that his son loved to play instruments and wanted an organ.

Many of those who texted the family said that Adi was an inspiration to them.

Students from Ateneo, the University of the Philippines and other prestigious schools wanted to befriend him.

'A great kid'

For the first time, Adi's parents taught their boy how to answer text messages.

He has also received phone calls from INQUIRER readers who just wanted to hear him talk.

Many mothers, like a mom who also has a gifted child, said they were inspired by Adi and would like to know more about him.

A mother from Samar sent him this message: "You're such a great kid! Your parents are so lucky to have you. I wish you would be featured on TV so that my two-year-old son can watch you and be inspired—and who knows, he might emulate you. God Bless!"

Well, Adi's story did appear on TV. GMA 7's "24 Oras" featured it on July 21.

And it was also aired on dwIZ's "Hataw Na."

The story of Wonder Boy will also be shown on Inq TV (Channel 5) at 10 p.m., Aug. 18.

Koran and Bible

Many text messages came from priests and other members of the religious community.

One message advised Adi to read the Koran. Another wanted him to read the Old Testament.

A vice chancellor of a Manila school told the couple of his prayers for Adi. Like others, he said he would want to see Adi in case he came to Manila.

"Best news I've read. We need him to teach Filipinos to be good citizens by taking care of the environment," texted one Annie Guerrero.

Adi's dreams

The INQUIRER had asked Adi to paint what his dream Philippines was and he drew pictures about street children, illegal logging and illegal hunting. He entitled his painting "Good and Evil."

While drawing, he explained how one image was connected to another. In the end, he crossed out the bad images.

Education offers came from a retired professor of physics and math, the principal of St. John the Baptist school in Cebu, a professor in Agoo, La Union and a certain Dennis of the Office of the Ombudsman.

The Encenada beach resort owner in Puerto Galera offered him a free stay in the resort.

Many who were impressed but without financial resources offered their prayers.

A teacher of philosophy at the Philippine Military Academy in Baguio City said: "I wish all our cadets were like him. The questions that he keeps on asking are questions of philosophy."

Teaching him football

National soccer player Loloy Fuentebella offered to teach him the game.

"I enjoyed reading about your son! Please bring him to our bookstore so he can choose some books," texted Kit Po of the Popular Bookstore.

A vacationer from the United States, who is teaching piano for special children, offered to give Adi lessons.

Papa's sperm

Ana Epirango from the Council for the Welfare of Children invited Adi for the "big bang" for bright children to be held in Malacañang on July 28.

Asked by the INQUIRER how he was doing, Adi said with a smile, "I'm fine."

The Maronilla couple said some people were even teasing them that they must be looking good also. They didn't know that Adrian Sr. was first-runner up in the search for Mr. Oriental Mindoro in 2000 while Marynol was Miss Divine Word College High School.

Adi's story has become a hit around the island.

The local cable company picked up the story the day it came out and started airing a CD tape of what Adi can do.

After weeks of discussing politics, the municipal board of Victoria postponed its agenda and talked about Adi.

World record

"We will invite him in this Wednesday's session. We're thinking of putting him in the Guinness' Book of World Records," said councilor Ricardo Ganad.

INQUIRER copies of its July 20 issue were sold out, said Melba Casapao, distributor in the province.

Meanwhile, Adrian Sr., who is looking for a good playground for Adi, has realized that there is none even in the poblacion. It would be good for Adi to have a child-friendly community, he said.

Crab mentality

One text message struck a sour note.

It said the parents were exploiting the child, not believing that they really needed help since they had been able to buy a personal computer.

"We invited that person to come and see for herself about our simple condition," said the couple. The PC has not been fully paid.

The couple said Adi needed special attention which was why Marynol decided she should stay home.

Goal for Adi

"We tried our best but we came to the point that we could not send him to the school, which he needs. Every year, there's so much change in him," said Marynol.

With all the generous offers, the family's life can change at the snap of a finger.

"Our goal is for Adi to be able to go to school. We just want him to have enough. If there would be more than that, we'll share with other needy children," said the couple.

ROCK Society Through Education, is the motto of these young professionals who tour campuses to spark patriotism. (From left) Gang Badoy, alternative educator/media education, Jesuit Communications; Noel Cabangon, songwriter/musician; Ani Almario, children's book publisher, Adarna Books; CP David, Geology Professor, UP Diliman; Meah Ang See, educator/Kaisa Para sa Kaunlaran Foundation; Jaime Garchitorena, IT executive/entrepreneur

'No more excuses, Philippines' ...

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Badoy, a lecturer for the Jesuit Communications training center based in Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City, has spoken to students on media literacy "or how to appreciate and see the messages or values conveyed by mass media."

Other volunteer speakers have urged students to reverse what Badoy called "the erosion of our values. They can contribute to this in ways as simple as obeying traffic laws or disposing of trash properly," she said.

"We encourage them to finish their studies and find out what they really love to do (as a career) because the country would be lucky if their work would benefit more than a few," she added.

Not just hip

There's more to RockEd than its "hip" approach.

If one were to take a look at RockEd's core members—and who their parents are—one would see a generation inheriting their forebears' unfinished business of nation-building.

Badoy is the daughter of retired Sandiganbayan Justice Anacleto Badoy, one-time presiding justice in the plunder trial of deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Other convenors include entrepreneur and former pop singer Jaime Garchitorena, son of the late Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice Francis Garchitorena. His mother Vicky, a veteran in the civil society movement, recently resigned from the Arroyo Cabinet.

Also on board is Meah Ang See, education teacher and daughter of Tsinoy community leader and anticrime crusader Teresita Ang See.

Two more convenors—science professor Carlos Primo "CP" David and children's book publisher Ani Almario—are children of noted men of letters, INQUIRER columnist Randy David and National Artist for Literature Virgilio Almario aka Rio Alma. CP's mother Karina currently chairs the Civil Service Commission.

'Poverty of hope'

That Gang and Jaime have remained good friends and teamed up for RockEd despite past animosities between their fathers (magistrates Badoy and Garchitorena engaged in a public word war in November 2001) proves that the group will not allow the past to get in the way of a noble cause.

"That's exactly the kind of thing we want to avoid—blame others before us for our problems," said Ang See, when the INQUIRER asked the convenors for their thoughts on why the country seemed to have hobbled from crisis to crisis.

"It bothers me when I hear people complain all the time without doing anything about it. I've seen some of my friends leave the country when they don't have to," she said.

"Let's understand the past but let's not dwell on it, for that could be another excuse not to move on," added fellow convenor Garchitorena.

The group wants to contribute in the fight against poverty but has chosen to start with what Garchitorena calls "our poverty of hope. This is the kind that manifests in the citizens' apathy and sense of helplessness."

For RockEd's convenors, this kind of poverty starts as a state of mind. It shows up in Filipinos perpetually complaining about the hard times yet are too lazy and cynical to uplift their own lives. It's found in "macho" men shamelessly peeing in public places or dumping garbage in the streets. It festers in battered wives resigned to their fate, and spread by arrogant public officials riding in stylish cars, violating traffic laws with sirens blaring.

No excuses

"We're not here to bridge the gap between rich and poor," said Garchitorena. "But we want to make sure that the people we consider poor—those who have less materially or with little access to education—have the awareness to live in dignity."

"We have made our poverty an excuse—a crutch. We say '*Pinoy kasi eh. Mahirap lang tayo eh*(That's because we're Pinoy. That's because we're poor).' But you don't need a PhD to know how to cross the street properly or where to throw your garbage," he added.

RockEd speakers have so far visited schools in Metro Manila and in San Simon, Pampanga. They will go to Mindanao next week and Bulacan campuses in August, Badoy said.

The group has a growing list of volunteers from different fields and professions, including rock groups, actors, and artists.

Independent filmmaker Lav Diaz, for example, has recently finished a series of 30-second ads for RockEd campaigns depicting Pinoy vices and urban blight. The ads will soon be aired on the MTV channel, whose local general manager, Jack Madrid, is just one of the 100-plus volunteers who have signed up for the movement.

Share the fish

Asked how they managed to remain optimistic despite the current political turmoil, Ang See made a quick reply: "We can't wait for this crisis to subside before we move on. Not doing anything adds to the crisis."

Badoy shared an insight from a Christian parable: "You know the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes? What if Jesus never really performed a miracle to multiply the food?"

She continued, "What if half of the people around him actually had bread and fish in their pouches all along and were just moved to share what little food they had with the whole gathering until there was enough for everyone?"

This, she said, was the kind of impact RockEd would like to achieve.

Volunteers can learn more about the movement at www.rockedphilippines.org.

Correction

IN THE JULY 22 front page story—"Pacific Plan blinks, will pay plan holders"—we misstated the first name of Ambassador Yuchengco, as Alfredo. It should be Alfonso. Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco is the patriarch of the family that owns the Yuchengco Group of Companies which controls Pacific Plans.

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State of the Nation morphs to Tsona to Sonia to Sony

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Now comes Sonia, or State of the Nation In Spite of Arroyo, followed by Sony, or State of the Nation for the Youth.

More opposition and militant groups were preparing their versions of the country's sorry state to refute what they expect would be a raving report from President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The Sonia, scheduled at 3 p.m. tomorrow, would be highlighted by the state of the nation report of former President Joseph Estrada, who is detained in a Tanay rest house on plunder charges.

Estrada would deliver his Sonia either as a video or a written statement that he would send from his detention site, National Council of Concerned Volunteers chair Rez Cortez said.

Cortez said the Partido ng Masang Pilipino (PMP) was arranging Estrada's Sonia.

Other militant groups, who had allied themselves with the NCCV, were scheduled to give their state of the nation reports.

Sore losers

But Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said only the President, not sore losers like Lacson or Estrada, should deliver a State-of-the-Nation-Address. If at all, Bunye said, Lacson's speech on Friday only depicted the true state of Ms Arroyo's detractors—"fragmented with no plans other than insidious personal attacks against the President."

"If one would think that the country is in grave crisis, he should ponder what role he played in making it happen and abetting it," Bunye said.

'Those who cast the first stone should come forth with clean hands and clear conscience," Bunye said, paraphrasing a biblical quote.

Supporters of the late actor Fernando Poe Jr., Ms Arroyo's biggest rival in the presidential race last year, had joined forces with militant groups like PMP and Bayan.

Youth at Diliman

The youth arm of the anti-Arroyo coalition would give their own views of the country's situation during a program at the University of the Philippines in Diliman tonight.

The "Sony" will allow the youth to air their complaints against the government and their views on the political crisis, Cortez said.

"This Sona rally will be much bigger than the Makati rally," Cortez said at the Kapihan sa Sulo forum yesterday.

Cortez said Poe's widow, Susan Roces, who had earlier vowed to join protests to force the President to step down, had been invited to the rally but had not yet confirmed her attendance.

"We cannot impose on her. She's not a politician. She has not yet accepted the role of leading the opposition. She said she would be there if she felt she was needed. Maybe she has not felt the need yet," Cortez said.

He said around 50,000 people from their coalition will assemble at University Avenue, while Bayan, whose members would be meeting at the Sunken Garden also in UP Diliman, was expecting the same number.

The two groups will march to Ever Gotesco on Commonwealth Avenue around lunchtime and hold separate programs there.

Vigil tonight

The Laban ng Masa, another coalition of left-leaning groups pushing for a transitional revolutionary government to replace Arroyo and Vice President Noli de Castro, said it was targeting a crowd of 30,000 tomorrow.

The Laban ng Masa, composed mostly of farmers groups and political blocs like Sanlakas and Akbayan, would assemble in front of the Department of Land Reform tonight before proceeding to St. Peter's Church on Commonwealth Avenue to join the progressive bishops' vigil.

ITALIAN tourists photograph the heavily damaged luxury hotel, Ghazala Gardens Hotel at the Red Sea resort of Sharm-el-sheikh the most popular Egyptian summer playground for the locals, Europeans and Arabs AP

Bombs kills 83 in Egypt

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bar on the glitzy Naama Bay strip near a luxury hotel that was bombed early Saturday.

The explosions shattered the night in Egypt's most popular resort where thousands of tourists from Europe, Russia and Gulf Arab countries, as well as Egyptians marking a national holiday, were vacationing.

At least 83 people were killed and 200 injured when car bomb explosions ripped through markets and hotels in the resort, the worst attack in Egypt since 1981.

Shaken European tourists spoke of mass panic and hysteria as people fled the carnage in the early hours, with bodies strewn across the roads, people screaming and sirens wailing.

The regional governor said two car bombs and possibly a suitcase bomb had rocked the resort.

Deadliest

The deadliest attack was carried out by a suicide bomber who rammed his explosives-laden car through the security barrier of the Ghazala Garden hotel and into the reception lobby.

At least 30 people were killed in this blast alone and medics feared more would be found dead in the rubble of the badly damaged structure.

"The explosion was so strong that it shook the building I was in at the other end of the road, almost a kilometer away from the Ghazala," said taxi driver Naguy Teema.

Most of the victims were Egyptians but the Tourism Ministry spokesperson said seven non-Egyptians were dead, including a Czech and an Italian, and 20 were injured.

The injured foreigners were nine Italians, five Saudis, three Britons, a Russian, a Ukrainian and an Israeli Arab, spokesperson Hala el-Khatib told reporters. But the British Foreign Office in London said that eight Britons were injured.

Hand of al-Qaida

A group claiming links to the al-Qaida organization said it carried out the bombings in retaliation for "crimes committed against Muslims," according to an Internet statement.

The statement, which was not carried on major al-Qaida websites, was signed by the Abdullah al-Azzam Brigades of the al-Qaida Organization in the Levant and Egypt. It was not possible to authenticate the claim.

Egyptian Interior Minister Habib el-Adli said it was too early to say whether al-Qaida or other Islamist groups had any connection with the bombings but there was probably a link with attacks further north last October.

In the October bombings, 34 people were killed, most of them at the Taba Hilton on the Israeli border.

Egyptian authorities blamed them on a Palestinian leading an unaffiliated group. Last month Israel stepped up warnings to its own citizens, saying the risk of another such attack had risen.

Security sources said at least one car that blew up on Saturday had special plates indicating it had come over the Israeli border at Taba on the Sinai peninsula.

The attacks occurred at the height of the tourist season and proved to be even deadlier than the 1997 attack in the Nile town of Luxor that killed 62 people including 58 foreigners.

'I have a bomb'

Ahmed Mustafa, a waiter at a coffee shop near the first of the explosions, said a massive fireball tore through the car park outside a shopping mall in Sharm el-Sheikh town about 1:15 a.m.

The explosion turned cars into skeletons of twisted metal, blew down masonry on nearby buildings and shattered windows for hundreds of meters around.

Officials said a car had exploded there but an eyewitness said a man had walked into a crowd with a large travel bag and announced in Egyptian Arabic: "I have a bomb."

Some people moved away but others thought he was joking, said the witness, who asked not to be named. Two minutes later an explosion took place where he had put the bag, she added.

"I saw a car flying up in the air, people running," restaurant owner Yehya Mohammed said by telephone. "I do not think I will ever forget this in my life. This is a horrible setback for tourism here."

Egyptian workers

An emergency services official said many wounded were Egyptian workers gathered at a café in the old market. Seventeen of the dead were burnt beyond recognition.

Sharm residents said they heard two more explosions coming from Naama Bay in quick succession, blasts that could be felt 10 km away. Witnesses said the first of these hit the hotel and the second a taxi rank.

The blasts came at a time when many tourists were still out in bars and markets in the popular and hitherto safe resort.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak cut short a holiday on the Mediterranean coast and flew to Sharm el-Sheikh, officials said.

Tourism Minister Ahmed el-Maghrabi said: "These incidents will have an effect in the short term (on tourism)." Foreigners have been targeted in Egypt in earlier attacks.

Panicked tourists poured out of the many night spots dotting the Naama Bay strip and small groups of haggard foreigners were seen dragging their luggage among the debris to board buses leaving the resort on Egypt's "Riviera."

"Lots of people have already warned us they were leaving in the morning," one hotel receptionist said.

Record number of tourists

Egypt's $6.6-billion tourism industry is a major source of revenues and employment in Egypt, which needs to create about 650,000 jobs a year for its youthful population.

Some analysts say Egypt attracted extra visitors this year after many avoided tsunami-hit Asia. It received a record 8.1 million visitors in 2004. *AFP, Reuters*

HAMON NG MGA MARALITA KAY PGMA

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Ito, sa aming pananaw, ang kalagayan ng ating bansa:

Ang ating bansa ay paulit-ulit na nasasadlak sa malubhang krisis pampulitika. Paulit-ulit dahil hindi natutupad ang mga pagbabagong hinahanap ng sambayanang Pilipino, lalo na naming mga mahirap.

Patuloy kami sa paghihikahos, kapos ng pagkakataon para umunlad. Bagamat umuusad kahit papaano ang ating ekonomiya, nananatili itong urong, hindi makalikha ng sapat na disenteng trabaho para sa atin at hindi maiangat ang ating kabuhayan; nagpapayaman lamang sa kaunti at nagpapalawak lalo sa agwat ng mga mayaman sa aming mga mahirap.

Pangunahing dahilan ang ating bulok na sistemang pampulitika. Kakaunting bahagi ng ating lipunan ang nag-aagawan sa kapangyarihan at nagpapatakbo sa bansa. Sila iyong mga bulok na pulitiko, karaniwang galing o naglilingkod sa mga pamilyang maypangalan at kumokontrol sa yaman ng bansa. Nasa pulitika sila hindi para itaguyod ang kagalingang panlahat; kundi para pangalagaan ang pansariling interes.

Ito ang dahilan kaya talamak na katiwalian ang umiiral sa halos anumang gawain ng gobyerno: sa eleksiyon, sa paggawa ng mga patakarang pambansa, sa pagbibigay-serbisyo sa mamamayan, sa paggawa ng batas, at sa pagpapatupad ng batas.

Malaking ugat din ng patuloy na kahirapan namin at ng ating bansa ang ating pagkakawatak-watak at pagkakanya-kanya bilang isang sambayanan.

Ito ang kalagayan ng ating bansa: Kaming mga mahirap na Pilipino ay salat sa kakayahang hubugin ang sariling buhay ayon sa aming mga pangarap, at kapos kami ng kapangyarihang makilahok sa pagpapatakbo ng ating bansa.

Nangangailangan ng mga radikal na pagbabago ang ating lipunan. Nangangailangan ang ating bansa ng panlipunang rebolusyon. At ito rin ang siyang hangad namin.

Ang mithi namin ay magkatuwang ang pamahalaan at ang sambayanan na ayusin, patatagin at palawakin ang ating demokrasya para magbigay sa aming mga maralita ng tunay na kapangyarihan at kalayaan mula sa kahirapan.

Nagpahayag na ang Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ng mga repormang pampulitika na isusulong ng kanyang gobyerno. Natutuwa kami sa bagay na ito, dahil dito maaaring magsimula ang malawakang pagbabagong panlipunan na hangad namin.

Kaya nga, hinahamon namin ang Pangulo na kagyat pasimulan at ituluy-tuloy ang mga repormang pampulitikang ito. Hinahamon din namin siya na ituluy-tuloy ang mga pagbabagong panlipunan hanggang sa sistemang pangkabuhayan at pangkultura.

Nais namin ng mga pagnenegosyo at kalakalan na tutugon sa pangangailangan ng buong sambayanan. Nais din namin ng pagbabalik-loob at pagkakaisa ng sambayanang Pilipino.

Ito ang pangarap namin: isang lipunang Pilipino na may pantay na pagkalinga sa bawat Pilipino, sama-samang hinuhubog ng sambayanang Pilipino, inuuna ang pangunahing pangangailangan ng lahat ng mamamayan, at itinataguyod ang sabay-sabay na pag-unlad ng lahat.

Alam namin na ang hinahangad naming panlipunang rebolusyon ay nangangailangan ng isang malakas at progresibong gobyerno at ng lubusang pakikipagtulungan ng organisado at makabayang mamamayan.

Napakahalaga na mabilis na bumalik ang tiwala ng sambayanan sa ating gobyerno. Kaya bahagi ng aming hamon sa Pangulo ang linisin niya nang puspusan ang gobyerno magsimula sa kanyang sariling opisina at sa mga ahensiyang nangunguna sa kabulukan, katulad ng COMELEC. Sa ganitong paraan, pinangungunahan din ng Pangulo ang pagbabalik-loob at muling pagkakaisa ng sambayanang Pilipino.

Kami at ang aming mga samahan ay nagtataya sa panlipunang rebolusyon na hinahangad namin. Kasabay ng hamon namin sa Pangulo na totohaning umpisahan at pamunuan ito, nagpapahayag kami ng buong puso at buong lakas na pakikipagtuwang sa kanya at sa iba pang makabayan at maka-demokrasyang miyembro ng sambayanang Pilipino tungo sa rebolusyong ito.

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2 arrested in London blasts manhunt

LONDON—Police in Britain have arrested a second man in south London, as one of their biggest ever manhunts for four suspected bombers gained pace Saturday following the failed attempts to unleash a second wave of deadly suicide blasts in the capital.

"I can confirm a second man has been arrested, it was yesterday night," a spokesperson for London's Metropolitan Police told AFP, adding that he was arrested in the same area of south London, Stockwell, as the first man on Friday.

A third man was also shot and killed by police in Stockwell Underground station earlier in the day amid a "fast moving" investigation, according to London's Metropolitan Police commissioner Ian Blair.

British newspapers Saturday published grainy security camera stills showing four wanted men at or near the sites of seemingly botched attacks, with police urging the public to come forward with information to fuel their investigation.

"Find them," screamed the huge-type headline in the tabloid Daily Mirror Saturday, above the images.

"The four most wanted," said The Independent, like every single newspaper carrying pictures of the casually-dressed men in subway station tunnels or on a bus, one with a rucksack believed to have held his bomb.

On Thursday, exactly a fortnight after four British Muslim men killed themselves and 52 others in a coordinated series of blasts on three London subway trains and a bus, the new attackers attempted a virtually exact repeat.

However, their bombs appeared to fail, causing only minor blasts which injured no one.

Nonetheless, the second series of attacks brought a new sense of fear to London, something exacerbated still further on Friday morning when police shot dead a man cornered inside a subway train after a frantic chase.

Witnesses described scenes of mayhem as armed police charged into Stockwell station in pursuit of an ethnic South Asian man clad in a thick coat before pinning him down in a carriage and shooting him at point-blank range.

Police refused to say whether the dead man had been carrying any explosives at the time.

A series of reports cited police sources as saying he was not among the four bombers pictured by the security cameras.

London's Metropolitan Police are hopeful that, unlike the July 7 blasts, when much of the evidence was blown apart with the bombers, the suspects and the rucksack-borne devices they abandoned will bring a mass of clues for investigators.

Soon after the Stockwell shooting, police arrested a man under antiterrorism laws after an armed raid on a nearby apartment block, and another was arrested around midnight.

The first man was being held under a section of Britain's 2001 antiterrorism law relating to the "commission, instigation or preparation of acts of terrorism", a police spokesperson told AFP.

According to Saturday's edition of The Sun newspaper, one of the detained men is one of the fugitive bombers, whose device exploded Thursday lunchtime on a Number 26 bus in east London.

"One down... three to go," was the headline on the tabloid's front page, above a picture of the arrested man being driven away wearing a paper suit to protect potential evidence on his clothes.

Later Friday, police in the central English city of Birmingham evacuated a train station and held another man under antiterror laws after two suspicious suitcases were spotted; another false alarm.

Saturday's newspapers noted the "deadly dilemma" now faced by British police in tackling suspects who might be carrying a suicide bomb.

A witness to the Stockwell shooting said the man was shot repeatedly in the head in a clear attempt to kill him, a tactic some papers said had been taught by Israeli security forces used to dealing with suicide attacks.

Mark Whitby was on a train at Stockwell station when an ethnic South Asian man ran on pursued by three plain-clothes police and fell to the floor.

"One of the police officers was holding a black automatic pistol in his left hand. They held it down to him and unloaded five shots into him. I saw it. He's dead, five shots, he's dead," Whitby said.

Blair, Britain's top police officer, said later the shooting was "directly linked to the ongoing and expanding antiterrorist operation" but gave no further details.

A POLICEMAN prepares a bomb disposal robot outside a house in the Harrow Road area of London, July 22, which police raided in the hunt for Thursday's attempted bombings. AP

The Muslim Council of Britain demanded police explain their actions, although London's mayor Ken Livingstone said a shoot-to-kill policy was necessary for those suspected of carrying a bomb.

The four men named by police as the July 7 suicide bombers were all Muslim Britons, three of Pakistani origin. The fourth was a Muslim convert born in Jamaica.

A survey of British Muslims in Saturday's Daily Telegraph newspaper found that only six percent thought the July 7 attacks were justified. *AFP*

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US misses rare chance to discuss security issues with Asia, Europe

WASHINGTON—US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice misses a rare opportunity to discuss counter-terrorism and other security issues with her counterparts from Asia, Europe and Russia by skipping the upcoming annual Asean meeting.

Rice's absence, particularly in her first year as America's top diplomat, could dent US engagement in the region at a time when Washington is stepping up its "war on terror" campaign and worried over China's rising influence in that part of the world, analysts say.

Citing a clash of schedules, Rice, currently on a visit to Africa and the Middle East, is sending her highly regarded deputy, Robert Zoellick, to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations meeting in the Laotian capital of Vientiane.

The Asean jamboree from July 25 to 29 begins with a meeting of foreign ministers of the 10 Southeast Asian states, followed by a dialogue between them and counterparts from the United States and the region's other key trading partners as well as a meeting of the Asean Regional Forum.

The 24-member forum is the only high level official security group in the Asia-Pacific region and Rice's predecessors have made it a point to be there to discuss key issues such as terrorism, sea piracy and nonproliferation with their counterparts.

Rice will be the first secretary of state in about two decades to miss both the Asean post-ministerial and regional forum meetings, regional diplomats said.

"I think there are reasons why the United States has traditionally been represented by the Secretary of State at these meetings and that the reasons which were convincing to Secretary Rice's predecessors for the most part are still valid reasons today," Matthew Daley, president of the US-Asean Business Council, said.

"If this were to become a precedent, it would be unfortunate for American interests in the region," said Daley, a former senior State Department official overseeing East Asian affairs.

The ARF "is the principal forum" for the United States to address security issues with Asia just as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum is used for tackling economic issues, he noted.

Asean leaders have expressed concern over Rice's decision to skip the meeting, saying either the United States was preoccupied with its campaign in Iraq or plainly ignoring the region, where it has enormous interests.

The concerns came despite an apology from Rice.

"I'm very sorry that I'm not going to be able to go to the Asean summit this year and to the ARF because I think this is a vital organization with which we want to engage more," she said during a visit to Thailand last week.

"I do have other essential travel that I have to do in roughly the same timeframe," Rice said when asked whether her decision to skip the meeting was intended as a US snub for Asean inaction over military-ruled Burma.

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The United States has vast economic interests in Southeast Asia. It is the biggest foreign investor in the region, which is also America's third largest annual overseas export market, more than twice the value of exports to China.

The region is also strategically situated. The Malacca Strait, which straddles Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, is the most heavily traveled sea lane in the world.

In addition, the United States has a counterterrorism pact with Southeast Asia, which remains the "second front" in the US-led war on terror. The al-Qaida terror network's Southeast Asian wing has been blamed for several deadly bombings, including in Indonesia and the Philippines.

Although Zoellick is well respected among Asean leaders, "a no-show by Rice, particularly in her first year as Secretary of State, could mean that Southeast Asia will get little policy attention at the Cabinet level and above, in the second term of the Bush administration," said Catharin Dalpino of Georgetown University.

"In Asia, perception frequently trumps reality," said Ralph Cossa of the US Center for Strategic and International Studies.

He said Rice's "ill-conceived decision to skip her first ARF meeting regrettably will reinforce all the wrong perceptions at a time when Southeast Asians are seeking reassurance of Washington's continuing commitment in the face of a rising China."

But US officials seem unperturbed.

"We were there when they needed us most," one official said, citing the massive logistics support the United States provided to the region when a Dec. 26 tsunami killed more than 273,000 people. *AFP*

Mysterious disease kills 9 in China

BEIJING—A strange and unknown disease has taken the lives of nine people and infected 11 others in southwestern China's Sichuan province, state press said Saturday.

The Sichuan provincial health department has put out an emergency notice warning of the illness that has infected at least 20 people, 10 of whom remain hospitalized, with six in a critical condition.

The victims of the unknown disease have all been farmers, aged between 30-70, who apparently did not have any contact with each other, a news report on the provincial government's website said.

Doctors have no clue how the disease is transmitted, it said.

Sick people began appearing "one-by-one" in hospitals in Ziyang city from June 24 to July 21, showing symptoms of high fever, a loss of strength, vomiting, and shock, the report said.

The sick came from 15 villages in 12 different townships, it said, mainly in the Ziyang area and Yingjiang district.

After receiving a report from local health departments, the Ministry of Health in Beijing has sent a team to investigate the disease, it said. *AFP*

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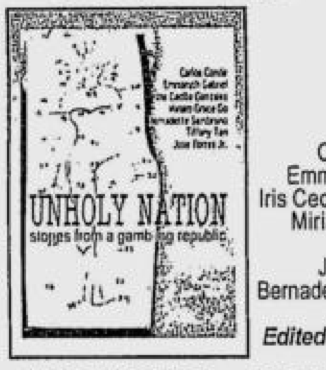

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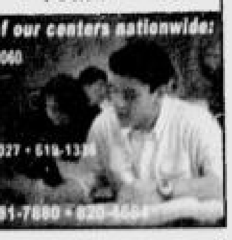

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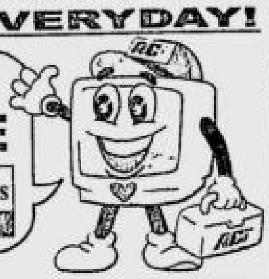

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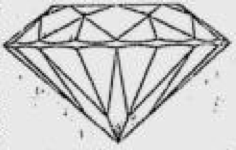

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Experts: US losing ground in SE Asia to China

WASHINGTON—China aims to displace the United States in Southeast Asia and has been busily building up its influence in that region while America remains preoccupied with the Middle East and terrorism, experts told a congressional panel on Friday.

Southeast Asia was the stage for a modern version of the "Great Game"—the 19th century Anglo-Russian rivalry in Central Asia, said Marvin Ott of the National War College.

"One player in the game has already made several moves, they've been very carefully thought through, they've already gathered a number of chips," he told a hearing of the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

"The other player is distracted, focused elsewhere, hardly aware that the game has even started," Ott said.

Other expert witnesses told the commission, which advises Congress on China policy, that Beijing's strategy aimed to restore the historic supremacy of China in a region where the United States has had strong alliances since the 1950s.

Former Pentagon official Dan Blumenthal said China sought to "break and fray" those alliances through arrangements with Southeast Asians that exclude the United States—most notably an East Asian summit to be held in Malaysia in December.

The Chinese military buildup documented in a recent Pentagon report showed an emphasis on missiles, destroyers and advanced aircraft that also supported these aims, he said.

"The idea here is to put doubts in the minds of allies and friends that the US has the will and ability over time to continue to be the provider of regional security," said Blumenthal, now at the American Enterprise Institute.

The United States had moved to counter that strategy by strengthening relations with Vietnam, India, Singapore, Japan and Australia, he added.

Bronson Percival, a retired US diplomat who is a senior adviser to the CNA Corporation think tank, said close US ties with Southeast Asia suffered from perceptions that America "has no discernible policy for Southeast Asia beyond counterterrorism." "We've built up such an overwhelming position, there's certainly a whiff of complacency on the part of the United States," Percival told the commission. *Reuters*

US admits Iraq forces unable to fight rebels alone

BAGHDAD—At least 13 Iraqis were killed, nine of them policemen, in drive-by shootings and other violence in and and around Baghdad, as the Pentagon acknowledged that only a small number of Iraqi security forces were sufficiently trained to fight insurgents unaided.

The murders Friday came a day after two Algerian diplomats were kidnapped in broad daylight, the second high-profile abduction in three weeks after Egypt's top envoy was seized by gunmen and reportedly killed.

Seven police officers, including two wearing civilian clothes, were killed in four drive-by shootings in Baghdad. Four more was wounded and two passersby died in one of the attacks.

Two other policemen were shot dead at an eastern Baghdad crossroad as they directed traffic, and two civilians died and three were wounded when a bomb exploded on a highway near Latifiyah, some 40 km (25 miles) south of the capital.

The bodies of another two policemen brothers were found shot through the head and chest on wasteland in eastern Baghdad after being taken by gunmen from their home Thursday, the defense ministry said. A third brother, a Sunni Arab imam who was seized with them, was also found dead.

The Algerian Embassy said there was no word on the fate of two diplomats—Ali Belaroussi, the 62-year-old charge d'affaires, and Azzedin Belkadi, 47—seized by gunmen as they were driving away from the mission Thursday.

The diplomats, who had no bodyguards, were bundled separately into the trunks of the kidnappers' cars less than 100 yards (meters) away from the embassy.

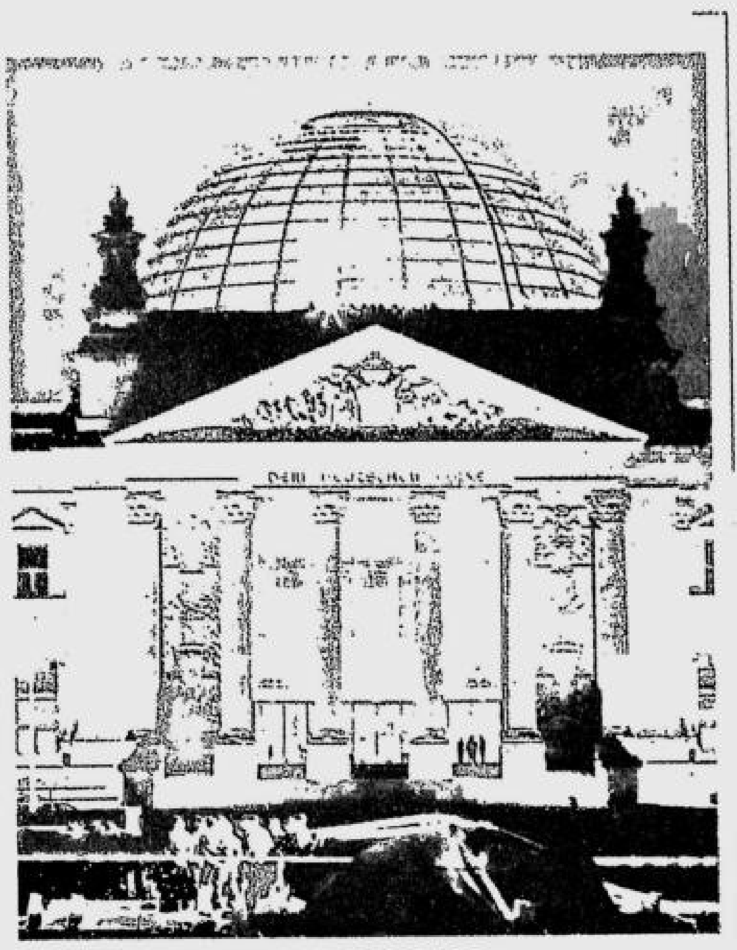
The kidnapping follows the July 2 abduction of Egyptian envoy Ihab al-Sharif from a Baghdad street. His captors announced his execution on July 7.

Suspected rebels earlier this month wounded Bahrain's envoy in a failed kidnapping attempt, fired at the Pakistani ambassador and at the Russian ambassador's car.

Rebels appear intent on discouraging foreign governments from upgrading relations with the new government of Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari.

Meanwhile a top US commander in Iraq echoed Friday a Pentagon assessment that most Iraqi security forces are not capable of fighting insurgents on their own yet.

Major General Stephen Johnson, the marine commander in al-Anbar province, said about 10,000 Iraqi army troops have been assigned to his sector, the most violent in the country after Baghdad. *AFP*



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German police build a tent over the wreckage of a small aircraft following a crash in front of the Reichstag in Berlin July 22. A small aircraft crashed onto a lawn between Germany's parliament and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's office on Friday, killing the pilot as it burst into flames.

REUTERS

US grannies seek to sub for sons, grandsons in Iraq

TUCSON, Ariz.—A group of antiwar senior citizens calling themselves the "Tucson Raging Grannies" say they want to enlist in the US Army and go to Iraq so that their children and grandchildren can come home.

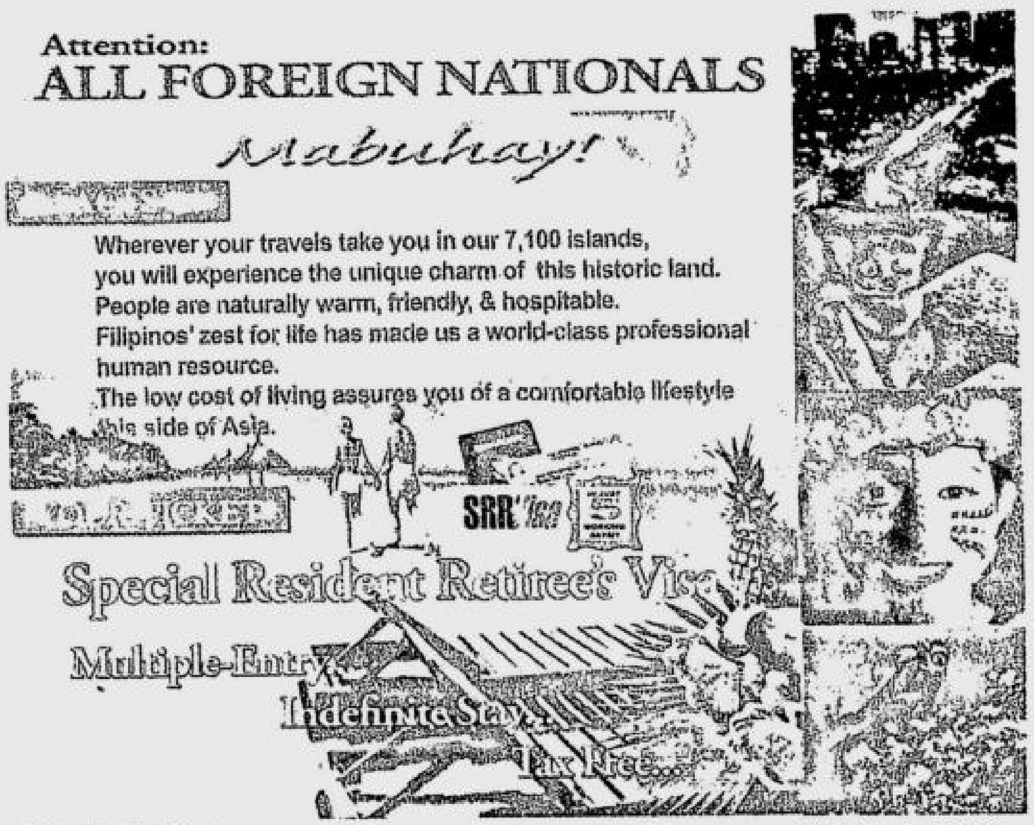
Five members of the group—which is associated with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom—are due in court Monday to face trespassing charges after trying to enlist at a military recruitment center last week.

The group has protested every week for the last three years outside the recruitment center.

"We went in asking to be sent to Iraq so our kids and grandchildren can be sent home, but rather than listening to us, they called the police," said 74-year-old Betty Schroeder. "It was their place to tell us the qualifications, but they wouldn't even speak to us. They should've said, 'You're too old.'"

Schroeder said her group may approach the Pentagon to see if they could be sent to Iraq.

Nancy Hutchinson, spokesperson at the Army recruiting headquarters in Phoenix which oversees Tucson's recruiters, said people who disagree with the war should be contacting their legislators instead of bothering recruiters. *AP*



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Unearthed files hold Guatemala's dark secrets

By Eduardo Garcia

GUATEMALA CITY—Old police files found in a bat-infested ammunition depot last week promise to shed light on decades of human rights crimes in Guatemala and give hope to relatives seeking truth about vanished loved ones.

Human rights workers checking an old police ammunition dump stumbled upon thousands of bales of files that appear to be a complete record of the notorious National Police, disbanded after a 36-year civil war ended with peace agreements in 1996.

With titles like "Disappeared People 1989" and "Kidnapped Children 1993," the files could end the search for some victims of the war, which pitted leftist insurgents against a string of US-backed authoritarian governments.

Activists hope the files will provide evidence for legal charges of genocide against former military rulers Romeo Lucas Garcia and Efrain Rios Montt, which have stalled for years in Guatemala's glacially slow justice system.

"The expectations are huge," said Mario Polanco, director of the Mutual Support Group, a leading rights organization.

"We believe that these documents contain information that will allow us to find out what happened to hundreds of disappeared people."

Buoyed by the discovery, investigators from the state-run human rights ombudsman's office searched police headquarters in the capital on Friday and found more files dating back to the civil war, witnesses said.

A UN-backed 1999 "truth report" held security forces responsible for the vast majority of some 200,000 deaths and 50,000 forced disappearances in the civil war. Troops massacred whole Mayan Indian villages.

President Oscar Berger's government says the documents are genuine. "The state's obligation now is to protect these documents, so we can start working on them as soon as possible," said Frank La Rue, presidential commissioner for human rights.

The archive, which runs from 1930 through to the mid-1990s, is so huge it will take some five years to sift through, archivists say.

A Reuters reporter visited and saw a book filled with lists of arrests made by police special forces, starting in 1979, the peak of the Lucas Garcia military government, infamous for police killings of student leaders and political activists. *Reuters*

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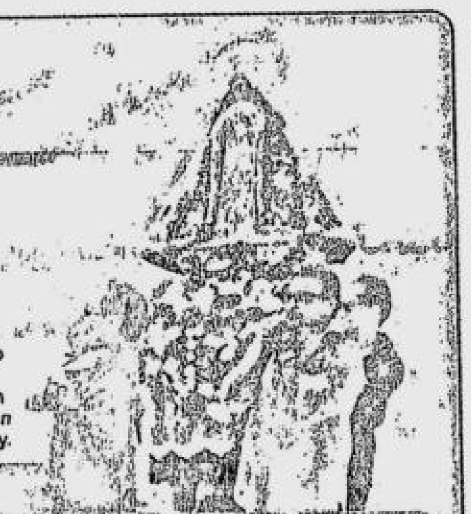

Globe Kababayan joins the Collegio Filipino anniversary celebration showcasing Filipino traditions such as food sharing, *pabitin*, *Santacruzan* and offering flowers to the Virgin Mary.

Italy

Globe's Bing Clemente in Milan, where *Globe Kababayan* gave away Quick Remit & Load Cards and phone kits.

Globe Kababayan helps Filipinos in Naples, Italy enhance their skills by sponsoring the monthly Waiters' and Leadership Training conducted by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Rome.

Spain

Filipinos working in Spain, Italy and UK sought financial advice from *"Pera Mo, Palaguin Mo"* author Francisco Colayco.

Max Magdalena of Direct Money, a retailer of International AutoloadMAX and Quick Remit & Load Cards, with one of the competing teams in the West Midlands Pinoy Community Basketball League.

Globe's MJ Hyndman and Sheree Chin with Aga Muhlach before "The Filipino Channel" show at the Barrio Fiesta in London.

United Kingdom

The Ubaldo family of Far East Express Remittance and some friends enjoying the *Globe Kababayan* sponsored festival in North Sommerset, United Kingdom.

Filipinos and friends enjoying the Barrio Fiesta at London, the biggest Filipino community gathering in UK. Ninety five thousand Filipinos attended the two-day celebration.

ASIA

Singapore

From left to right: Globe Head of Sales and Distribution Jojo Vega, Globe Head of Segment Marketing Cathy Santamaria, and comedian Mitch Valdes in Singapore.

Outstanding Filipinos were honoured at the *Globe Kababayan* Independence Day celebration in Singapore. Philippine Ambassador to Singapore Belen Anota (fifth from left) was present at the awarding.

Japan

Philippine Ambassador to Japan Domingo Siazon, Globe's Angelo Yaneza, Senate Pres. Franklin Drilon, and Sheree Chin of Globe in Tokyo.

Utawit singing contest winners Paul Infante, Emelita Tojimbara and Cristina Kanakubo received cash prizes from *Globe Kababayan.*

Hong Kong

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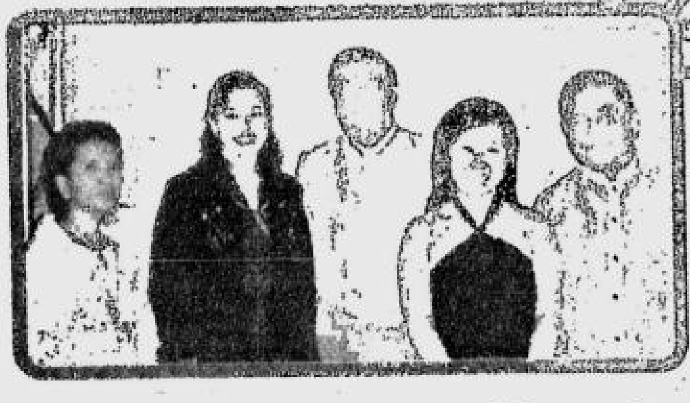
Metro Radio broadcasters and *Globe Kababayan* endorsers Michael Vincent and Tita Kerry join attendees in dancing to the *Globe Kababayan* jingle.

Globe Kababayan teamed up with valuable partner Elite Express Company in celebrating its 15th anniversary with a concert featuring Ogie Alcasid.



From left: Mrs. Daisy Mandap (editor-in-chief of The Sun newspaper in HK), Globe Segment Marketing Head Cathy Santamaria, Senate President Franklin Drilon, Kimmie Moreno of *Globe Kababayan*, and Philippine Association of Hong Kong (PAHK) President Leo Deocadiz at the *Globe Kababayan* Independence Day Ball at the Conrad Hotel, Hong Kong.

Taiwan

Filipinas flocked to watch the Search for the Pinoy Idol in Taiwan.

MIDDLE EAST

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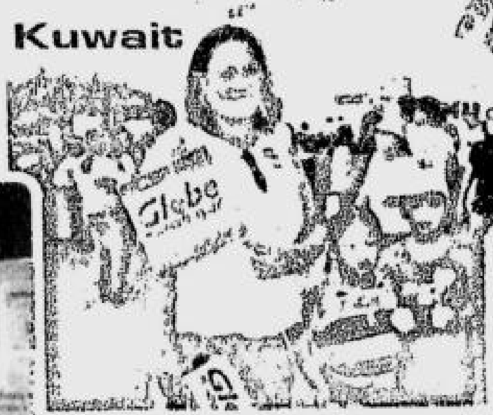

Pinoy families in Kuwait enjoyed the Independence Day celebrations presented by *Globe Kababayan*.

Oman

Alan Supnet, Head for Overseas Mobile Services, explains *Globe Kababayan's* thrusts to Angelique Lazo and thousands of Filipinos in Oman.

Bahrain

Bahrain-based Filipinos eagerly registered for *Globe Kababayan's* Kumustahan 2005 concert.

The popular singing trio APO Hiking Society rehearsing for *Globe Kababayan's* Independence Day concert in Bahrain.

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The unelected

EDITORIAL

ONE of the convenors of the Unity for Truth and Justice coalition described the idea of a caretaker government as something that will allow a politically divided country to catch its collective breath. "As far as we are concerned, this is an option that will give us breathing time, breathing space to somehow ensure a better political culture," former agrarian reform secretary Horacio Morales said at the launch of the anti-Arroyo coalition last Thursday.

Unfortunately for the rest of us, the caretaker government will do no such thing. Instead, it will ask the country to hold its breath for "not more than 1,000 days." Only then will a council of the unelected—composed of the one-sided and deciding for the unconsulted—call for new elections.

It sort of takes one's breath away, doesn't it?

"The Unity for Truth and Justice believes the ultimate solution and alternative government should be elected in a proper, free, fair but above all credible election and there is no way we can hold elections right now under the current system," said Fr. Edicio de la Torre, another of the convenors.

He did not explain, however, why it would take three years—or about as much time as elapsed from the assassination of the opposition martyr Ninoy Aquino to the presidential inauguration of his widow, Corazon Aquino—to fix the election system.

In fact, many of the key assumptions behind the idea of a "caretaker council" were left unexplained, as though they were irrelevant or unimportant details.

Details like: **Who gets to sit in the council?** Organizers explained that the council membership would be determined by nomination, but they could not say how many seats there would be in the council or how the election to fill those seats would be conducted.

Even more important: **Who doesn't get to sit in the council?** The organizers have explicitly stated that only those who actively participated in the oust-Arroyo campaign need apply. That means this particular caretaker council is no reconciliation or national-unity government. But if that is the case, then Unity for Truth and Justice is misnamed. And its entire plan consists of nothing more than substituting a government that has competed in the election process for one that does not even see the need to.

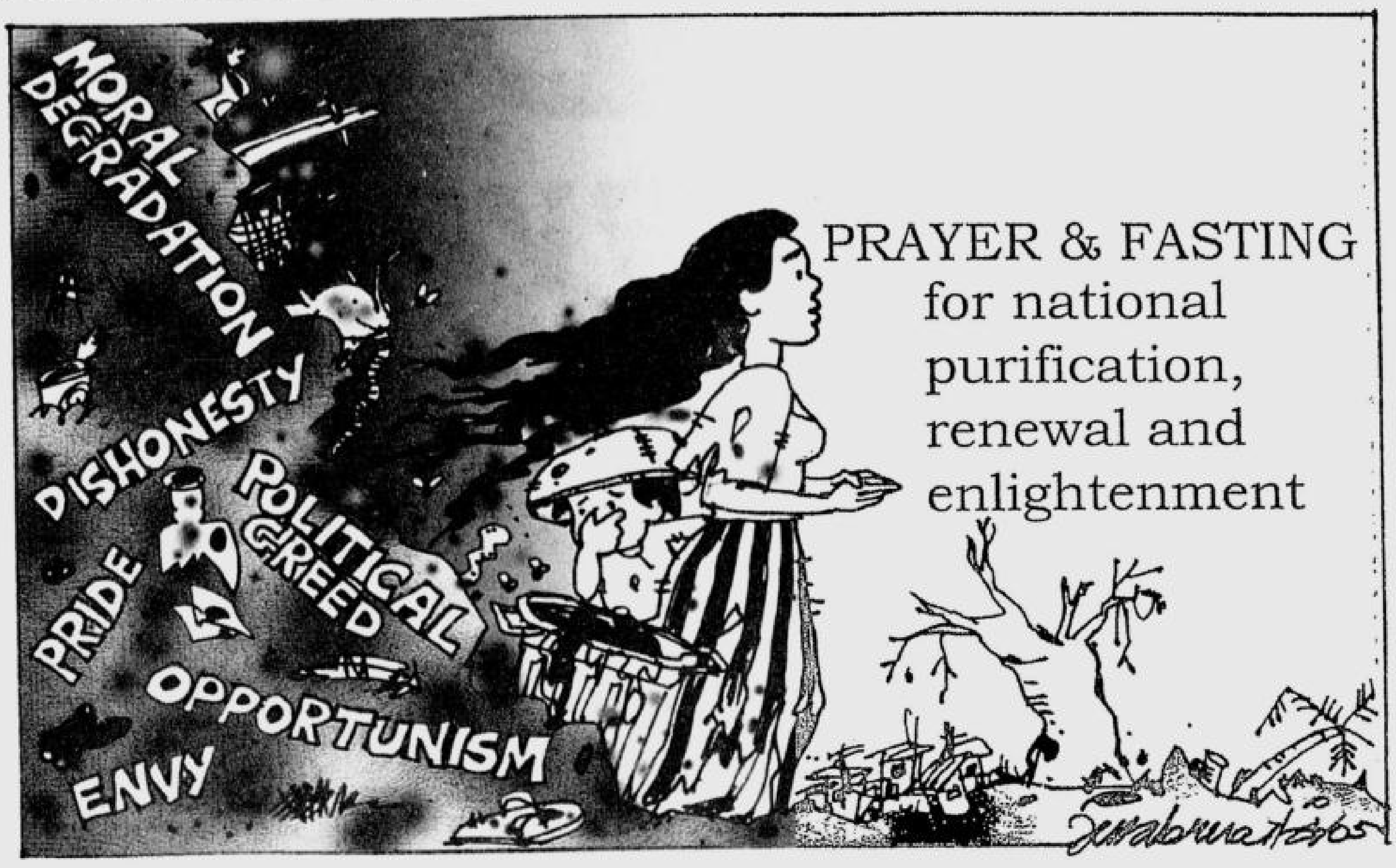
Most important: **Who gets to choose who sits in the council?** Entire libraries of jurisprudence and political literature address that very issue. Now where will the source of the convenors' appointing power lie? And if the basic principle continues to hold, that the power to appoint is the power to remove, can the composition of the council still be changed?

The crucial question, however, is not how but what. **What will the council do?** According to the convenors, the council would revamp the Commission on Elections, clean up the voters' list, modernize the counting of votes and, "most probably," seek to revise the Constitution. And in the meantime, what? Leave the economy idle until the hoped-for democratic renaissance. Allow the politicians and local leaders who have been thrown out of work by the revolutionary government to busy themselves doing needlework. Tell the people that the answer to today's political crisis is greater uncertainty for "more than 1,000 days." Why? Well, because the council says so.

The organizers comfort themselves with the idea that the success of their revolution, to be led by a "working majority," will legitimize their deeds. The coalition's primer states: "Since it is not yet the product of an election, it is extra-constitutional, but it is not unconstitutional. Its full constitutionality will be covered by a transition constitution, like the Freedom Constitution of the Cory Aquino government in 1986."

But the Cory Aquino government had the support of the real majority. It had earned the right to speak for millions of Filipinos not only because of the struggle against the dictatorship, but also because it was tested in the crucible of elections.

Morales insists that the caretaker council is "the best alternative to the current situation." Nonsense. It doesn't even come close. The solution to a multi-dimensional crisis rooted in questions about a flawed election system does not lie in a new government of the unelected.



A peaceful solution

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE CURRENT conflict between the Arroyo friends and foes is going to get worse before it gets any better. In either case, it is the nation that will be caught between Scylla and Charybdis.

So far, the dispute has been limited to a propaganda war, with both sides claiming victory in the strength of their arguments and the size of their rallies. The pros are denounced for their tenacious hold on power, the antis for their scheme to regain it.

The trouble is that both of the contending parties are weakened by some of their leaders. The proponents' major liability is President Macapagal-Arroyo herself, whose approval rating has been dropping without let-up. The opponents are blemished by such disreputable characters as Francisco Tatad and Tito Sotto.

Susan Roces has a legitimate grievance but she should dissociate herself from the politicians who are simply using her for their own designs. She does not need them because there are many non-partisan citizens willing to support her.

But they will not do so if she remains in the company of political opportunists. The masses of our country are better off without Fidel Ramos and Jose de Venecia from the administration and Panfilo Lacson and Aquilino Pimentel from the opposition.

Both the administration and the opposition agree on the plan to convert our government from the presidential to the parliamentary. It is worth considering but for one failing. It is not sincere but dictated by personal greed. It is proposed by politicians for their own ends, not the nation's welfare.

Ms Arroyo is in favor because it will give her a gracious exit from the presidency that she is now in peril of losing. Under the amended Constitution, she could be president once more, with former President Ramos or Speaker De Venecia as prime minister. Like President Diosdado Macapagal, they could all be singing "Happy Days Are Here Again!"

But Lacson and Pimentel may yet foil their plans. With Edgardo Angara and Franklin Drilon, they can all aspire to the new leadership with the beautiful Loren Legarda as their Reyna Elena and Jinggoy Estrada as the cute Constantino. Candle bearers will be the likes of Bong Revilla and Lito Lapid and probably the resurrected Gringo Honasan.

But what about the current issues now gripping the nation? Shall we sweep the Garci tapes under the rug and discontinue the *jueteng* probe as divisive of the country that has been stagnating in the meantime?

The investigations of these matters both in the House of Representatives and the Senate are getting nowhere, but that does not mean we should forget them altogether. The serious questions against the integrity of the President of the Philippines should not be simply dismissed on the ground of political expediency.

The evidence so far submitted against her militates against their abrupt termination that will in effect absolve her of the serious charges. Many share the view that she should be acquitted or convicted after their examination on the merits in an impeachment trial that she herself proposes and welcomes.

President Arroyo is so sure that there will not be enough members to constitute the one-third needed to impeach her in the House of Representatives or the two-thirds needed to convict her in the Senate. But she may not be considering the effect of public opinion on impeachment proceedings, as demonstrated in the Estrada case. The respondent had the numbers in his pocket until Tessie Oreta wiggled on the Senate floor.

But that alternative, besides being a political weapon rather than a legal inquiry, may take too long to decide the burning questions of the day. Did President Arroyo order Virgilio Garcillano to falsify the presidential election to make her win by a margin of a million votes? Did she and her family receive payola in the millions of pesos from the jueteng lords?

GMA vehemently says no and has the Armed Forces to back her up. A considerable number of people, not necessarily allied with the political opposition, say yes and are demanding her resignation now. Ms Arroyo's supporters say follow the process and impeach her if you will. Those who oppose her argue that impeachment will be a charade with the results to be pronounced by her loyal lackeys.

If President Arroyo will truly read the will of the people, she should recognize that they no longer have confidence in her and want her to step down. Those who are urging her to stay put are protecting only their own interests and not the future of the nation. The turmoil now swirling around us may get graver and lead to, God forbid, even bloody confrontation. She could spare us from that evitable fate and give our country peace with her voluntary resignation.

Is it worth it all?

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a policeman who arrived at the accident scene. "Who of you saw the whole incident?" he asked. Hesitatingly a farmer came forward and said he saw a black van sideswipe a man on a bicycle and speed away. "*Nakuha mo ba yung* plate number (Did you get the plate number)?" the policeman asked. "No sir, *nakaturnilyo naman ho* (No sir, it was bolted to the van)," was the farmer's reply.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 13, 44-52), Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to that of a treasure buried in a field and to that of a pearl with a great price, for which one will give up everything just to get it. If only we all set our hearts on the kingdom of God, then we can give up anything. The problem is that many of us remain bolted and fastened to our earthly cares and pleasures. What is it that is keeping you from freely and zealously seeking the kingdom of God? What fastens you? What bolts you? What imprisons you?

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All this holding on to whatever or to whoever, is it really worth it all? The secret to real peace is letting go and letting God. Why lose sleep, why lose your goodness, why lose your name, why indeed lose your soul for the sake of earthly riches, power and pleasures? Let us all pray that we be lifted up by God's love and divine will so that we will be able to let go of anything or anyone in this world that imprisons us. I dread the day when I come face to face with God and He tells me: "Why did you not treasure my love over your earthly desires and loves?"

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Think about it: We spend so much time and effort, even a whole lifetime going after things that we don't really need, which will always elude us, which can even imprison us, and which we cannot bring along with us. Detachment is a lonely road, but, it is the only road that leads to peace. It is not an easy road, but, it is the road that leads to God's heart. If things go wrong and troublesome, it is time to consider the invitation to take the "road less traveled."

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Control is the name of the game which many of us play in this world. In our pride and foolishness, we often think that we can play and win this game of control over others, over our very own lives. Control is a dirty game—especially if accompanied by lies, manipulations, deceit and even by crime and violence. Again, the bottom line is: Is it worth it all?

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Don't you sometimes wish that the biblical promise of the good being rewarded and the wicked being thrown into the fiery furnace were happening now? Don't you feel at times that divine justice, though certain, is awfully slow? Don't you feel your guts turn within when you hear on radio or see on television people who just blurt out lies and manipulate other peoples' minds? It is precisely at such times that we must not lose heart. We must believe and keep on believing that the all-knowing and the all-seeing God is at the controls, and that He has perfect timing for everything we wish or dream for. We must continue doing good even if people around us have turned their backs on righteousness again. Remember, it pays to be good. Crime does not pay.

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I was at the National Orthopaedic Hospital this week to celebrate Mass with the sick and the disabled. It was a beautiful reminder that we all need help. They who need help and allow themselves to be helped are the ones who are close to the kingdom of God. They who have little or no controlling power in this world are close to God's heart. Blessed, too, are those who care and lend a helping hand to the powerless, the needy and the little ones. Woe unto those who control them, use and abuse them!

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Last Tuesday, I dropped by to visit a brother priest in his lonely post at the heart of Edsa. Fr. Robert Reyes has lost some 10 pounds already as a result of his fasting and prayer for peace, which he admits, has done a lot of cleansing also in him. I heard a more humble, a more spiritual and a more prayerful Father Reyes. What he is doing is no longer a publicity or a gimmick to attract attention to himself or to his crusades, but to point directly to a God who has the power to heal our land, not so much by human power and wisdom, but by prayer, fasting and cleansing of hearts and minds. Prayer and fasting really work. Even Jesus said that the demons in us and among us can be driven out by humble prayer and fasting.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, when I get too engrossed in this world, whisper to me: "My child, is it worth it all?" Amen.

A soldier's dilemma (3)

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

MY dear Teddy,

It was very considerate of you to come home even for just a few days after my recent stroke, which I thought was the end for me. You have always been a solicitous and caring son, always concerned about your parents and other members of the family. Even during your cadet days at the Philippine Military Academy you were the source of our strength and pride. Perhaps, now is as good a time as any to share with you some thoughts which I have always kept to myself all these years. While your Tatay and I never objected to your decision to enter the Academy—in fact we gave you our blessings and all the encouragement a child could ask for—the truth is, I had serious misgivings about making the military your career. Your grades in math were pretty good, and I always thought you would have made a first-rate engineer.

Your late father was an enlisted man in the Army when we met. He left the service after I insisted that I wanted a normal life for our family, not one marked by separations, by constant worry about his safety during prolonged absences. Financially, he was not earning very much either, but somehow we managed to make [both] ends meet. He let me have my way, not because he was "*under the saya*" but because he, too, wanted a better life for all of us. And so after 20 years, he chose early retirement. We started a small business of our own and, with what I earned as a teacher, we were able to provide you and your sister with most—not all—of the comforts in life. What counted was our being together.

When you told us for the first time that you were taking the entrance exams for the PMA, I remember smiling and saying how wonderful you would look in the uniform of the cadets. But deep inside, I thought of a future fraught with danger and risks. For more than 30 years, our soldiers had been fighting the same enemies—the communists, the secessionists, and all kinds of bandits and terrorists. There seemed to be no end in sight and now I was about to sacrifice my only son in the conflict. Your father had spent many years in this business and I hated it because while he was risking his life for our people, others took his efforts for granted and went about their merry ways as though there was nothing to be alarmed about. When you graduated, your first salute as a commissioned officer was for your Tatay. We were so proud of you and somehow all my fears seemed to have disappeared on that day.

While undergoing therapy as required by the doctors, I have been following closely recent developments in our political life through newspapers, television programs and discussions among friends and neighbors. I am deeply troubled by all that has surfaced so far.

But more than anything else, I am concerned about your career and how all these revelations will affect your work. People say the young officers in the Armed Forces will soon have to make some difficult choices, whether to continue supporting the present government or to join in calls for the President to step down. It is a heavy burden which rests on your shoulders—something which the Academy probably never prepared you for. People talk about abiding by the Constitution or following the chain of command, or remaining in the barracks—whatever those phrases mean. I know you find yourself in a dilemma, and I wish your father were here today to give you some advice. But knowing him, this is probably what he would say: As a soldier, you do not serve any individual; you serve your country and your people. Let your conscience be your guide for determining what is right and what is wrong.

I hope to regain more mobility in my limbs in the days ahead. Take care of yourself and come home as often as you can.

With much affection,
Nanay

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Seven years ago, I wrote about a young captain, Winston Brawner Baguilat, who was killed in action during a prolonged heavy encounter with secessionist elements in Basilan. Born in Kiangan, Ifugao and a member of PMA class of 1990, Baguilat was cited for gallantry in action in the face of the enemy, for which he was awarded the Gold Cross Medal (posthumous).

At necrological services held at the Chapel of Our Lady of Peace at Fort Bonifacio in May 1998, his mother Felisa Baguilat, addressed her son saying, "I want you to know that we are so proud of you... in a manner of speaking, you have poured your blood on the altar of freedom and peace in our land. You have run the race to the full and fought the good fight and made your mark. Farewell, adieu. God has you in His bosom, we have you in our hearts."

His father Teodoro, delivered the family response: "One hundred years or so ago, young men and women laid down their lives in giving birth to a new nation, proudly announcing it as the Pearl of the Orient Seas. Throughout this century, this nation endured the exploitation of colonial powers, the ravages of World War II, and communist insurgencies. Nowadays, this same nation is besieged by secessionist movements, by lawlessness borne out of corruption and greed. Its economic sustainability, its geopolitical integrity, its very survival is at stake.

"The Brawner-Baguilat family is proud that in Winston's heroic deed, we have rendered our own centennial offering."

Most of the officer casualties in the wars against insurgents and secessionists have been in the lower ranks, from second lieutenant to captain. Today, it is these company-grade junior officers who will continue to make a difference in the life of our nation.

Books live forever

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

CAUGHT a movie on Cinemax the other day, called "Fahrenheit 451," based on a novel of the same title by science-fiction writer Ray Bradbury. "Fahrenheit 451," made in 1966, is set in a future where political and social conservatives have taken over the State.

Alarmed at the possibility of books imparting "dangerous" and "subversive" ideas, not to mention "immoral" values, to the populace, the authorities have ordered the burning of all books. The novel and movie get their title from the temperature needed to burn paper.

Oskar Werner plays a fireman, Guy Montag, who's part of a team sent out not to put out fires but to start them. While searching the home of one old lady whose stash of books, including those in a hidden library in the attic, proves too numerous, Guy's team decides to burn down the entire house instead. When told of this, the old woman says she is neither leaving her home nor abandoning her books, which have given her hours of pleasure. Without flinching, the firemen set the books afire, along with the old woman standing in the middle of the combustible pile.

Guy, a pyromaniac who filches books from the houses they're searching to plant them just so he can start a fire, begins to stray from the straight-and-narrow after meeting a woman (Julie Christie) who is not just a lover of books but also a member of the "rebel" underground.

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GRADUALLY, Guy falls in love, not just with the mysterious woman but also with words, the words in the books he begins to read before burning them. He is found out, and the woman helps him flee to the rebel paradise, where Guy finds a small commune of book lovers. Strangely enough, there are no books to be found there, and when Guy asks to see the books, he is told the books are all inside the minds of the commune's populace, who each have memorized a book to share with the others and then to pass on to the next generation. In fact, the commune's members are known not by their names, but by the book they have been assigned to memorize. Among them is a pair of twins known as "Pride and Prejudice, Book One and Book Two." "One is pride, the other is prejudice, but they haven't agreed yet on who's who," notes the commune leader.

When Guy tells them he has brought a book with him, the collected works of Edgar Allan Poe, he is told to read the book and preserve the contents in his mind, and then to burn his copy. "That way," the rebel leader tells him, "they can never take the books from us. We will always have them."

In the distance is an old man on his deathbed, spending his last hours on earth transmitting "his" book to a young boy, who will then bear the responsibility of ensuring the words are preserved for posterity. The film ends with the commune residents, walking about beneath gently falling snow, engrossed in "reading" their books aloud, keeping the words and the images forever fresh, forever alive.

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DOOMSDAY scenarists have long predicted the "death" of the printed word. With young people increasingly dependent on electronic entertainment—TV, video games, the Internet, DVDs—publishing faces a bleak future, they say, what with dwindling markets and aging demographics.

But present trends belie this pessimistic view of the future of print. Most prominent among the evidence, of course, is the "Harry Potter" phenomenon. The sixth volume of J.K. Rowling's series about the education of a boy with magical gifts, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," was launched recently amid global pandemonium. Long lines of eager buyers, young and adult alike, spent hours in front of bookstores across the world, many of them dressed as characters from Hogwarts and Potter's alternate reality. In Great Britain, where the Harry Potter franchise is based, a lucky selection of children from around the world were treated to a special gathering in a castle where no less than Rowling read them the opening chapter of "Half-Blood Prince" and took questions.

I was away from the country at the release of Harry Potter Volume 6, but my daughter, who at 19 should have by now outgrown her juvenile devotion to the boy wizard, made it a point to pick up her own reserved copy at "Bestsellers," a National Bookstore branch at the Podium, which she chose precisely because "there aren't too many child buyers there." She finished the 652-page tome over the weekend.

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IN "The Eyre Affair"—the first of the "Thursday Next" franchise about a female literary detective who polices the world of books (which was the last of the series I read, go figure)—author Jasper Fforde imagines a world where Shakespeare's plays draw standing-room only crowds for performances enlivened by audience participation, a convention of John Milton scholars draws hundreds of men in billowy white shirts, and Rennaisancites engage in street battles with Neo-Surrealists.

When a nefarious criminal with extraordinary powers "kidnaps" Jane Eyre from the very pages of her book, causing extant copies to instantly "rewrite" themselves, angry mobs of Jane Eyre devotees gather in front of the "Litera-tec" offices, clutching candles and copies of the book, its narrative disrupted.

We might never see the day when literary figures and authors, however revered, earn the same degree of curiosity, obsession, renown and devotion as do today's stars of TV, movies and music. Neil Gaiman might not draw the same crowds and media attention as, say, Paris Hilton or Kris Aquino. Still, we need to be grateful for the fact that we still enjoy the kind and thrilling company of books; and that we still enjoy the pleasure of turning a page and sniffing the distinctive fragrance, an amalgam of ink and crisp paper, of a book opened for the first time.

Truth commissioned

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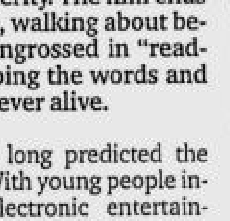

Randy David

IN THE DEBATE surrounding the proposal to create a "Truth Commission," no one has raised the basic question: Who wants the truth and why? It is Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo who is commissioning the truth, and we all know why—she wants affirmation of her victory in 2004, nothing more.

If we wanted to know who really won in the 2004 presidential elections, we had every opportunity to do so in a constitutional way during the canvassing of votes in Congress and in the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET). Why did our legislators waste this chance by responding to every challenge to the certificates of canvass with the perfunctory word "noted"? And why did the Supreme Court justices, sitting as PET, dismiss the quest for truth behind Fernando Poe Jr.'s formal election protest after he died? Why did they not allow his widow to substitute for him, not as candidate but as petitioner, a seeker after the truth? Why were they content to deal with the divisive issue of a presidential election protest by invoking a technicality?

The answer may lie in the fact that people don't mind permitting lies when they have beneficial consequences. "Suppose we want truth," Nietzsche writes, "why not rather untruth? And uncertainty? Even ignorance?" Ms Arroyo's victory in 2004 may be a lie, but to those who believed that an FPJ presidency would have been disastrous, it could only be a beneficial lie. Therefore, nothing is to be gained from inquiring into the truth of electoral fraud.

Today, however, the tables are turned. The revealing conversations in the "Hello Garci" tapes are swaying a growing number of people into believing that the winner in the last presidential elections was the late Fernando Poe Jr. This is a harmful truth. Not only does it expose the spurious nature of our elections and the illusory character of our democracy; it also cancels the last basis of legitimacy of the Arroyo presidency. In her now famous June 27 apology, Ms Arroyo sought to belie the impression that she cheated in the last elections. There is no question, she said, that she won the presidency fair and square. To confirm this, a Truth Commission will be formed to show the "real" score once and for all.

From the way it is shaping up, this is going to be, literally, a commissioned work, not the autonomous open-ended truth-seeking process that the bishops hope it would be. Its goal is specifically to gather solid proof of Ms Arroyo's victory, rather than to understand what happened in the 2004 elections. Appointed by Ms Arroyo herself, funded and cloaked with the powers of the office she occupies, the commission will be little more than a fact-finding body designed to help solve Ms Arroyo's political problems. Its goal will not be the search for truth at any cost, but the search for information that will confirm and legitimize the Arroyo presidency.

Ms Arroyo's interest in the truth has nothing to do with ascertaining how billions in public funds were used to promote her electoral campaign, or how the facilities and personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines were deployed in support of her election, or how key officials in the Commission on Elections betrayed the mandate of their positions by manipulating the elections to favor Ms Arroyo.

In contrast, a Truth Commission created independently is bound to raise questions beyond the scope of the 2004 elections. It may ask why running for public office in our country has become more expensive over the years, what role drug and gambling syndicates play in elections, and how campaign funds are sourced, accumulated and spent. It may look into the way political favors incurred during elections are repaid with cushy appointments and promotions, with juicy contracts and tax breaks.

Such a comprehensive inquiry into the workings of our political system may yield truths about the intimate connection between patronage politics and mass poverty, between corruption and underdevelopment. It may reveal to us that the crisis of Ms Arroyo's presidency is only a symptom of the larger crisis of an obsolescent political system that refuses to die.

Truths like these are not so much discovered as they are made by people who regain the use of their language in order to ask questions that confront the lies on which the whole social order stands. Why are so many of our children dying from malnutrition? Why do so many of them fail to finish basic education? Why are there a growing number of families living in the streets of our cities? Why has our economy become so dependent on the earnings of our exported workers? Why are our government corporations losing so much money every year? Why is debt service the biggest item in the government's annual budget? Why do we import so many of our basic necessities? If the economy is growing, why are so many of our people jobless? If ours is a rich country, why are so many of our people poor and hungry?

We may need a truth commission when Ms Arroyo is finally gone. In South Africa, President Nelson Mandela established a Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a first step toward healing the wounds left behind by the apartheid era. It took seven years to complete this cathartic exercise. The kind of truth that Ms Arroyo is commissioning will neither heal nor reconcile the nation. It will only prolong the conflict.

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Bombs, books, bucks

COMMENTARY

Joel E. Cohen and David E. Bloom

THE $82-BILLION "emergency supplemental" bill to finance American military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan leaves the United States spending more money on military power than is needed, on a yearly basis, to permit every child in the world to receive, within one decade, both primary and secondary education. Clearly, the question is not whether universal education is affordable, but whether America and the world can afford to neglect the political, economic, social, and health benefits of educating the roughly 380 million children around the globe who currently do not attend school.

Education, no less than military might, is a security imperative, for it helps the world—both individuals and societies—to escape the consequences of widespread poverty, rapid population growth, environmental problems and social injustices. Education strengthens social and cultural capital, which contributes to strong and stable polities. It improves human health, increases life expectancy and lowers fertility rates.

Aside from these obvious benefits, education is also a widely accepted humanitarian obligation and an internationally mandated human right.

But this right is unrealized for the 28 percent of the world's school-age children who are not enrolled in school. Most are illiterate and live in absolute poverty. The majority of these children are female. Of those who enter primary school in developing countries, more than one in four drops out before attaining literacy. Moreover, enrollment does not necessarily mean attendance, attendance does not necessarily mean education, and education does not necessarily mean good education.

Global commitment

In 2000, the global community pledged to achieve universal primary education (UPE) by 2015. Many poor countries are wildly off-track when it comes to meeting this goal. At the current rate of educational expansion, an estimated 118 million children will be absent from primary school in 2015. Nearly twice that number will not attend secondary school.

The World Bank, Unicef and Unesco have estimated that achieving UPE by 2015 will entail annual expenditures of between $6.5 billion and $35 billion, on top of the approximately $82 billion that developing countries spend each year on primary education. These funds will be needed for schools, teachers, teacher trainings, materials and equipment, administration and assessments.

Based on a five-year project that we led at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, we believe that the UPE goal is not ambitious enough: the world should aim for—and can achieve—high-quality, universal secondary education, as well as universal primary education. Developing countries spend approximately $93 billion per year on secondary education. If a gradual approach is taken between now and 2015, the annual additional cost of extending secondary education to every child will likely be between $27 billion and $34 billion.

Creating the necessary space to accommodate universal enrollment will require significant investment. These funds would at best ameliorate—not eliminate—prevailing global disparities in educational access and quality. Not included is the cost of other improvements needed to encourage children to attend school, such as meals, tuition subsidies, and more effective, dynamic and knowledgeable teachers. Neither does this include the cost of improving capacity of national governments to collect data and to implement and oversee educational reforms.

Not just a function of money

Though more money is essential, it is not sufficient. In some regions, cultural barriers inhibit the schooling of girls and of linguistic, religious and ethnic minorities. The political energy required for expanding and reforming education is difficult to muster in the world's wealthiest nations.

Ensuring high-quality education for all children requires an open discussion of educational goals; an international commitment to improving its effectiveness and economic efficiency; recognition of the need to extend secondary education to all children; and acknowledgment of educational diversity and the need to adapt aid policies to local contexts.

None of these tasks is possible without supplementing the funding already provided by the developing countries. The world, or even the United States by itself, has the ability to provide the additional funds needed. ***Project Syndicate***

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THEY SAID

Kitchen president

"I have felt the political heat but I am still in the kitchen because that is where I belong."

—President Macapagal-Arroyo on her political foes, who are urging her to step down from Malacañang

Poverty factors

"Corrupt and inefficient governments are such a huge problem—and that's actually in my opinion the main factors why these countries remain very poor."

—Global insight analyst Andrea Bohnstedt on countries not eligible for debt relief

Tainted

"What happened to Clinton may happen to her. After all, there is no towering personality with great credibility in the opposition. All of them are tainted. The people may decide to forgive her."

—Statesman Jovito Salonga, telling President Macapagal-Arroyo not to be afraid to admit the truth about the controversies she is facing

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Truth telling in five countries

TALKING about truth commissions is in vogue these days amid calls that President Macapagal-Arroyo be held accountable for allegedly rigging the presidential election last year.

Responding to calls that a truth commission be formed to look into this allegation, Ms Arroyo said on July 19 that she would create one.

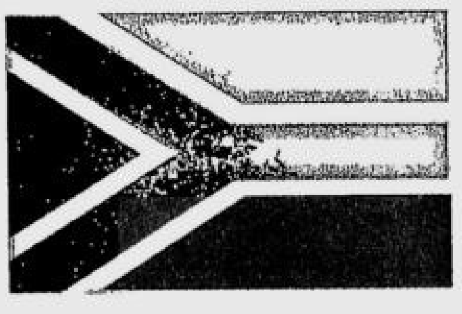
Among those that proposed the creation of a truth commission were the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, the University of Sto. Tomas and the Bishops-Businessmen's Conference.

Malacañang said Ms Arroyo would issue an executive order to set up the probe commission.

The body that the President has in mind is certainly far different from the truth commissions that were formed in a number of countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

The truth commissions and similar bodies in South Africa, Argentina, Chile, El Salvador and Guatemala dealt with atrocities perpetrated not only by state actors but also by rebel groups and individuals. These commissions served as an opportunity for the victims to tell their story and to demand that the perpetrators be held accountable.

While these commissions have put to light "unspeakable truths," they have their shortcomings. In South Africa, for instance, it was the state, not the victims, that pardoned the wrongdoers.



SOUTH AFRICA
(Truth Commission)

Context: Forty-five years of armed resistance to apartheid by the African National Congress (ANC). A truth commission was proposed as early as 1992 but serious discussions began only in 1994, with Nelson Mandela as president. The 1993 interim Constitution included a provision on "amnesty" for acts committed in the course of conflicts in the past. Later this amnesty was linked to a truth-seeking process.

Role of civil society: Provided considerable input, including two international conferences.

Role of parliament: In mid-1995, parliament passed the "Promotion of National Unity and Reconciliation Act, which gave the commission power to grant individualized amnesty, search premises and seize evidence, subpoena witnesses, and run a witness program.

Formation of commission: Public nomination and selection process—17 members were appointed with Bishop Desmond Tutu as chair. Inaugurated in December 1995, the commission's first hearings started only in April 1996. It had 300 staff members, a budget of $18 million a year (for 2 ½ years), and 4 large offices around the country. The commission worked through 3 committees: (1) Human Rights Violations Committee—collected statements from victims and witnesses (2) Amnesty Committee—for individual applications for amnesty, and (3) Reparations and rehabilitation.

Performance of commission: Took testimony of over 21,000 victims and witnesses, 2,000 of whom appeared in public hearings. There was intense media coverage, with four hours of hearings broadcast live over national radio each day. A "Truth Commission Special Report" was aired on TV on Sundays. Special hearings were held on sectors or key institutions (religious, legal community, business, labor, health sector, prisons, etc). Also held special hearings on specific individuals (e.g. Winnie Mandela).

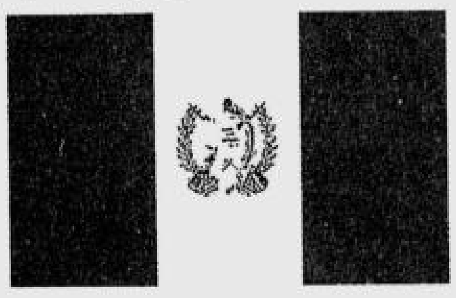
Criticized for holding the mission of reconciliation above that of finding the truth e.g. did not use subpoena powers; extensively, avoided or decided not to subpoena key institutions such as military and the ANC; and did not subpoena the president of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The commission received over 7,000 applications for amnesty, but amnesty was given only to those who fully confessed (Amnesty Committee had criteria for approving applications). Confession as requirement helped the process—those who wanted to avoid prosecution confessed. Cases were filed challenging constitutionality of the commission's amnesty granting powers, but the South African Constitutional Court upheld its constitutionality.

Output/outcome: A five-volume report was released in October 1998. Before the release, former President Frederik Willem de Klerk sued to block the commission from naming him in the report. The ANC, unhappy with the conclusions, also attempted to block it. The court ruled in favor of the commission.

Formal discussions in parliament took place several months after Deputy President Thabo Mbeki (as president of ANC) said the ANC had serious reservations about process and report because the "effect was to delegitimize or criminalize struggle for liberation." The government made no commitment to implement the commission's recommendations.

The Amnesty Committee was not able to conclude its review of all cases and the reparations program had minimal funds.



GUATEMALA
(Historical Clarification Commission)

Context: The civil war between government and leftist Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) lasted for 30 years, resulting in 200,000 deaths and disappearances. UN negotiations brought the war to an end in the 1990s.

The El Salvador truth commission report in 1993 served as reference but Guatemalan armed forces insisted that the Salvadoran model of naming perpetrators not be repeated.

In June 1994, an agreement to create the "Historical Clarification Commission" was signed in Oslo (a peace accord was signed three years later and only then could the work of the commission begin.)

Response of civil society: Intense interest. Lobbied negotiators for terms of the agreement and accord. Criticized the URNG for signing the agreement which was very limited (no naming, no judicial effect, only six months, etc.) but after the commission was formed (with impressive staff), the confidence of civil society was gained.

Composition (3 members): The chair was non-Guatemalan (German law professor Christian Tomuschat who was appointed by Kofi Annan). Two other members were Guatemalans—Otilia Lux de Coti, a Mayan scholar, and Tojo, a lawyer. They were appointed by Tomuschat but with agreement of contending parties.

Performance: Established in July 1997, the commission worked for 18 months. It operated in several phases and had 200 staff members, with 14 field offices. On the staff were Guatemalans and foreigners. None of the field office directors were Guatemalans.

The commission requested and got reclassification of files from the US government.

Output/outcome: A lengthy and hard-hitting report was released in February 1999 at an emotional public ceremony. Thousands were in attendance.

Findings: Human rights violations were brutal; 42,000 victims, including 23,000 killed, 6,000 disappeared, and 626 massacres. Ninety-three percent of the cases were attributed to the military or state-backed paramilitary forces. Three percent were attributed to guerilla forces.

The report concluded that genocide against groups of Mayan people was committed. It did not name names but concluded that the perpetrators included the highest authorities of the state. The report also mentioned structural and social contributory factors.

The new president made a commitment to implement the recommendations.

EL SALVADOR
(Commission on the Truth for El Salvador)

Context: In the 1980s, the US-backed government waged a war on leftist guerillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation. The war lasted for 12 years. The United Nations brokered a peace accord in 1991.

Atrocities: About 1.4 percent of the population was killed. The killings of six Jesuits in 1989 spurred international attention and pressure.

Transition: The peace accord included the formation of the Commission on the Truth for El Salvador. The Chilean commission report served as point of reference and origin of idea. The peace accord left the mandate open to "investigate serious acts of violence whose impact on society urgently demands that the public should know the truth."

The commission was administered by the UN and funding through UN member states' contributions, but the commission had full operational independence. It was given six to eight months to complete work. The commissioners were appointed by the UN secretary general with the agreement of the two parties to the accord. Those chosen were highly respected international figures (i.e. from the academe, lawyers, and the former foreign minister), who were supported by 20 staff members plus 25 short-term staff members. No Salvadoran was on the staff.

Performance of commission: Took testimonies of 2,000 victims and witnesses. Investigated over 7,000 cases of killings, disappearances, torture, rape and massacres. Collected information from secondary sources (i.e. international HR groups that related to additional 20,000 victims).

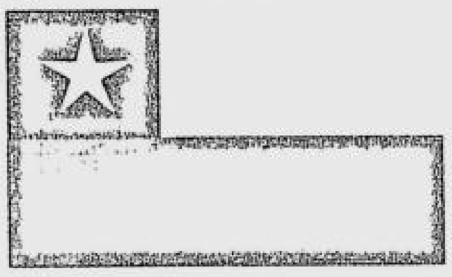
Brought in the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team to exhume the remains of a major massacre. Although the military provided little assistance, some senior officers agreed to meet quietly and confidentially with the commission (sometimes abroad).

Output/outcome: Publication of the report "From Madness to Hope," which came up with strong conclusions even on controversial cases. The report, which named 40 members of the military, judiciary, and armed opposition, was treated as a "major political event in El Salvador." It was well-received by human rights activists in El Salvador and the US. But the report was criticized for failing to include the operation of death squads, and the role of the US. The report served as the basis for the creation of the Ad Hoc Commission (still of the peace accord) to clean up the military of HR violators.

The Salvadoran military rejected the report, calling it unfair, illegal and unethical. President Alfredo Cristiani's reaction: "report failed to meet Salvadorans' yearning for national reconciliation... to forgive and forget this painful past."

Five days after the report came out, an amnesty law was passed barring any legal action against perpetrators. Some of those named in the report were "retired" (and some were praised by the President.)

Due to international pressure, some aspects of the report were put in place later (e.g. judicial reforms). During the Clinton years, the US government appointed a panel to examine the implications of the report on US foreign policy. US President Bill Clinton also ordered the review and release of classified documents pertaining to the US role in the war.



CHILE
(National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation)

Context: The military regime of Augusto Pinochet ruled the country from 1973 to 1990.

Atrocities: Included mass arrests, torture, killings (about 1,200), and disappearances (thousands).

Transition: In 1988, Pinochet lost the plebiscite. In 1990, Patricio Alywin was elected president, but Pinochet was to stay commander-in-chief until 1998 and senator for life. Pinochet had the Constitution amended preserving the autonomy of the military. Pinochet was arrested in London in 1998 upon extradition request of Spain.

Response of new president: Six weeks after assuming office, the new president formed the National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation through a decree. It had eight members—four supporters of Pinochet, and four belonging to the opposition (to avoid perception of bias). It was headed by former Sen. Raul Rettig.

Its mandate was limited to cases that led to death (i.e "investigate disappearances after arrest, executions, and torture leading to death committed by government agents or people in their service, as well as kidnappings and attempts on life of persons carried out by private citizens for political reasons.") It was given nine months to complete work.

Reaction of civil society: Highly cooperative—giving information and records of cases taken to court during the regime.

Performance of commission: Because of limited mandate, the commission took up only 2,920 out of 3,400 cases. With 60 members of staff, it took testimonies from families and placed ads in newspapers around the world asking for information from exiles. It received very little cooperation from the military.

Output/outcome: A 1,800-page report was completed in February 1991. Unanimous despite presence of pro- and anti-Pinochet members on the commission (thus a more powerful report). The report served as basis for building a case against Pinochet in 1988 by a Spanish judge.

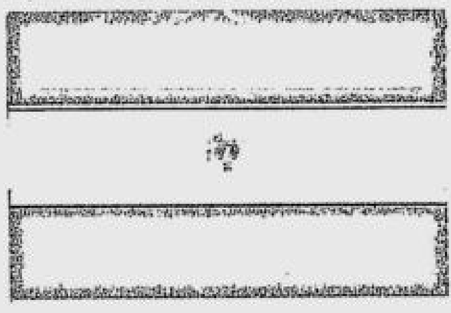
Findings (out of 2,920 cases): A total of 2,025 human rights violations were committed by state agents, 90 cases attributable to armed opposition, 164 attributed to political violence (gun battles), and 641 cases had no conclusion.

Ninety-five percent of the cases were attributed to the state and 4 percent to "individuals acting with political pretext" or leftist armed groups (found only in footnote).

President Aylwin apologized on TV and asked armed forces "to make gestures of recognition of pain caused."

Pinochet response: "Fundamental disagreement" over the report. No apology report was reproduced in newspapers (but there was limited public attention because of events that followed).

Legislation was passed to establish a follow-up commission. The National Corporation for Reparation and Reconciliation was tasked with searching for the remains of the victims, resolving open cases, making files available to the public, and instituting a reparations program.



ARGENTINA
(National Commission on the Disappeared)

Context: Military junta from 1976 to 1983. Return to civilian rule happened only after Argentina's war with Britain over Falklands in which the military lost. Junta was forced to hold popular elections.

Atrocities: Between 10,000 and 30,000 people disappeared (arrested, tortured and killed). During the transition, the junta granted itself immunity from prosecution through a decree.

Response of new government: Within a week as president, Raul Alfonsin formed the National Commission on the Disappeared through a presidential decree. Composed of 11 members "chosen for their consistent stance on human rights," the commission was headed by author Ernesto Sabato.

Reaction of civil society: Initial resistance by NGOs, which wanted a parliamentary commission not a presidential one because a presidential commission lacked the power to compel perpetrators or military institutions to produce information.

Performance of commission (Nine months of work): The NGOs were right—the military did not cooperate. There were no public hearings but the commission inspected detention centers, clandestine cemeteries and police facilities, and heard testimonies of exiles from abroad and families of the disappeared. It took 7,000 statements, documented 8,960 people who disappeared, interviewed 1,500 survivors (of military camps), and identified a total of 365 detention and torture camps.

Output/outcome: The report "*Nunca Mas*" (Never Again) was submitted to the president. A shorter, book-length version was published—300,000 copies sold. The amnesty granted by the military junta to itself was repealed and the commission turned over files to the state prosecutor's office. There was trial of senior members of the military junta and five generals were jailed.

[These summaries, based on the book "Unspeakable Truths: Facing the Challenge of Truth Commissions" by Priscilla Hayner (2002), were collated by the Peace Advocates for Truth and Justice (PATH).]

Trials and tribulations of truth and reconciliation

By Alastair Davidson

THE EXPERIENCES of World War II and the Nuremberg trials, etc., showed that trials of those involved in crimes against humanity were impossible because of the numbers involved. Out of that experience came the basis for human rights: a higher, universal, standard of justice, above or beyond or beside national law.

To avoid revenge and discord, states tried amnesty, that is, laws to forget all the crimes committed and "to get on with life." In practice, this meant forgiving all but the worst offenders. But amnesty represses the victims' stories and leaves state and society uncleansed. The stories disappear even from school books. So amnesty became a discredited strategy because it works only to some degree. Victims were not palliated and, therefore, resorted to private justice or revenge. Two examples are the Adolf Eichmann trial and the Klarsfelds' activities in running down war criminals like Klaus Barbie. In the first, the Israeli state kidnapped Eichmann and forcibly brought him back to a trial "already a dead man." In the second, the Klarsfelds, in emulation of the Israelis, did much the same with the "butcher of Lyon."

The resort to private justice is ethical and moral, but will not usually be accepted by state power. The problem here is that the state is loath to accept the idea that a victim should set the level of sanction because it removes the state's monopoly of law. This is so even where few perpetrators are involved in the revenge. A compromise solution had to be found between the demand for justice and the impossibility of attaining it through traditional means.

So show trials—i.e., trials in which the accused is tried not only for his own crimes, but also is understood to be representative of the many others involved—have been used as well, but these are not good for getting at the truth, as they are subject to arguments about history rather than the offenses of the person on trial. Two examples of this are the French trials held after WWII and the Milosevic trial. In both, the defense was simply that the state or states trying the criminals had also been guilty of crimes against humanity and thus itself had its record placed center stage and in the limelight. It was difficult to ascertain who was on trial.

Failures

Since South Africa, "truth and reconciliation" has therefore been extraordinarily attractive as an alternative to trials and amnesties. We must, however, do a balance sheet of what has been achieved and whether it is worthwhile. I want to make clear that truth and reconciliation strategies in South Africa and elsewhere have proved failures. Why? Because victims' demands and hopes, and standards for closure have not been met. What is that standard?

1. Victims want the big truth to be acknowledged. Who were the baddies, the perpetrators? And who were the victims? They also want the perpetrators to confess, not to what they did specifically—though clearly that is part of it—but to the fact that what they stood for was bad.

2. Then, having done that, the guilty must realize that terrible sanctions, at the victims' choice, can be applied to them. (Here, the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission went wrong: it was not the victims but the state that waived the right to sanction that pardoned the wrongdoers.)

3. The perpetrators must have no surety of pardon, but by showing shame, by an official as well as an individual apology, they then might benefit from pardon or forgiveness.

4. Out of this comes the possibility of reconciliation, which is only the victims' to give—practically, morally and ethically.

Put yourself in the place of the perpetrator—leaving out all the nonsense about not knowing they were doing wrong, or that they were only doing what every other human being would have done in the circumstances (neither of which has any validity either morally or ethically, whatever the practicalities): they are terrified of their due and justified retribution. So they confess, but try to minimize what they did. This is not good enough for victims, or for humanity. What they stood for as well as what they did must be rejected. As Elie Wiesel said, every German child must spit on their Nazi parents. We must think about this choice and what is being asked.

Sincere apology

So, the first and most important aspect of a general apology is that it comes over as sincere. But that is not enough for humanity. Even bystanders are criminally involved; so for humanity's sake (the sake of the dead, the unborn), they, too, must be sanctioned in some way—the victims can decide in what ways. In the African case, the choice was usually monetary compensation, but it can be symbolic in other ways. Only a victim can measure what he or she thinks is the just measure.

To go back to why amnesty (used a lot in the Philippines) and then truth and reconciliation emerged: It came because traditional legal methods could not cope; too many crimes against humanity had been committed. If they have not or do not involve too many criminals, the traditional rule of law can be invoked using Nuremburg and UN principles. But for crimes against humanity, the courts would have to be—as Hannah Arendt pointed out during Eichmann's trial—transnational tribunals, because national tribunals are not enough.

This is all very inconclusive. What could be a better solution? Perhaps the best way is to pick up on a voguish notion inside a rule of law, like restorative justice, to push it hard where crimes against humanity are concerned, and also to seek through show trials to bring the truth out. It may be the best response where there are millions of perpetrators, as in the case of Rwanda, where we have the choice of *gacaca* courts, though even here the state tried to control the procedures.

Restorative justice

What I am suggesting here is show trials under the restorative justice principle. In this system, which is "victim oriented," tribunals of a popular sort are set up and victims call on the perpetrators to confess, and then decide on the appropriate sanction given the nature of the complicity. It is justice from below by the only people who are able to know what has happened and decide on the appropriate sanction. Seldom does such a system not result in the victims being able to get on with their lives feeling that justice has been done.

There is little evidence that it escalates into a mindless revenge or overkill. If the worst criminals require the ultimate sanction, then an appeal mechanism can be set up to a higher tribunal by excluding the right of the local body to decree a death sentence. Of course, all the rules of evidence and other procedures of a "fair trial" in the western tradition disappear. But whether that is worse than what we already have—the impunity of war criminals and those who ignore human rights—remains to be seen.

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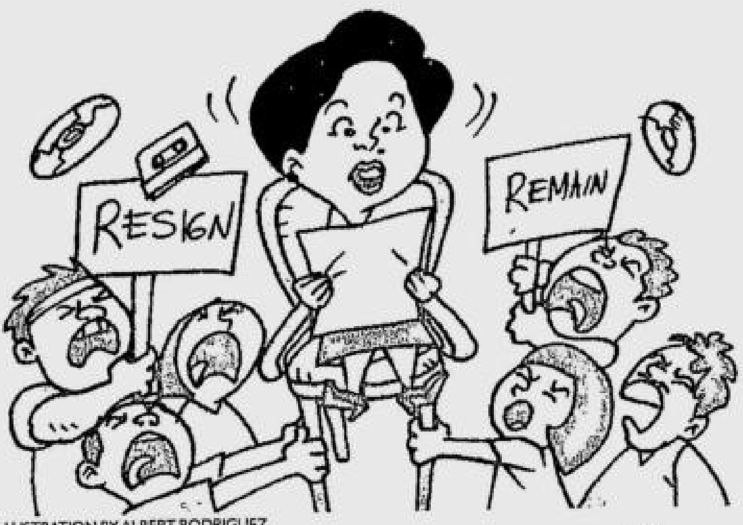
State of the nation for Mindanaoans

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is scheduled to deliver her State of the Nation Address (Sona) tomorrow. The President's allies are expected to agree with whatever she would say. The opposition, as it always did in past Sonas, would do otherwise. In fact, Sen. Panfilo Lacson on Friday delivered his own True State of the Nation Address (Tsona).

Here is the take of the people of Mindanao on the state of the nation.



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Chaotic. Those alleged leaders who presented a supposed solution to the problem are a problem themselves. Unless and until people realize that they have the power to uplift the nation minus the *trapos* (traditional politicians), the Philippines will land on the deep. **–Lawyer Luz Ramos,** ***General Santos City***

We have just shown the world our open secret: that most of our "so-called leaders" are only concerned with themselves and their positions than the welfare of people they swore to serve ... Maybe that's our karma: to have selfish and greedy leaders without an ounce of *delicadeza*. **–Noel Silan,** *principal, St. John's School, Malaybalay City*

We are in a sorry state. A barrage of promises and a presidential apology simply cannot assuage it. **–Paul Aguaviva,** *news anchor and commentator, Ozamiz City*

The real Sona is when you have successfully delivered services to the people. For me, it's embarrassing to deliver the Sona if a person is implicated in some anomalies. **–Carmelyn Saddalani,** *Agriculture graduate who works as a nanny, Zamboanga City*

There are many good things happening in our country but the mass media have ignored them by presenting instead the sordid things of this country. The media are greatly to be blamed for what is happening to our country because their perverted values are driving the people crazy. Yes, there is no doubt that practically all politicians in this country are thieves and plunderers but there are ordinary people who have quietly performed extraordinary things that bring hope to the hopeless and justice to many despite the fact that our justice system is hopelessly rotten. I think there is still hope in this country and the media can greatly help by also presenting the 'hopeful' side of this nation. **–Maria Clarissa Sintosa,** *college student, Mati, Davao Oriental*

The State of the Nation is like a tree standing without leaves on its branches because the strong winds of corruption, impeachment and defective system of government constantly blow [on] the tree. It might be uprooted soon. **–Fr. Rene Soldevilla,** *Manticao, Misamis Oriental*

Everybody wants to be in power. What will happen to our country if this continues? **–Noli Ceballos,** *former faculty member, MSU-IIT, Iligan City*

'I think the poor and the working Filipinos know more of the real state of our nation. However, it will be good to find out how President Macapagal-Arroyo will respond to the political crisis that we are experiencing because of her making. We want to see what she will do to unite a nation divided by the ambitions of the few who want to be in Malacañang. **–Dr. Imelda Pagtulon-an,** *sociologist, Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City*

Right now, our country has all the problems: corruption, poverty, environmental degradation, lingering wars, prostitution, religious bigotry, etc. There's really no hope for our country unless someone leads a major social, political, economic and religious overhaul. **–Randy Intino,** *book dealer, Butuan City*

Life is more difficult. The price of fuel is really high. But government officials do not feel these because they are better off. **–Lorenzo Lasib,** *tricycle driver, General Santos City*

The state of our nation is just like a man stricken with incurable disease waiting for his inevitable death. That is why I and my relatives have long been longing to leave this miserable and hopeless country for fear we might also suffer painful deaths. I think it's already shameful to introduce myself to foreign nationals as a Filipino. I would rather introduce myself as Indonesian or Malaysian. Filipinos are not only physically sick, they are mentally and morally sick, too. They complain of massive looting of government coffers that resulted to abject poverty and yet they continue to elect plunderer politicians by selling their votes during the elections. This is the nation of the insane. **–Fitzgerald Salamonte,** *29, caregiver, Mati, Davao Oriental*

We are in terrible shape. There are too many issues to address. The opposition is like a demolition team. Our nation is facing many problems and we are headed for the worse. **–Fatima Joy Almarez,** *graduate student, MA in English Language Studies, Iligan City*

The business climate is getting worse because of President Arroyo's economic reform policies. **–Babet Libres,** *businessman, Butuan City*

A sorry state because of the President's weaknesses which are already difficult to recover, but whatever the outcome, the Philippines remain a state under WTO (World Trade Organization) control. **–John Pelare,** *Cooperative advocate, Ozamiz City*

It is obviously in deep crisis. Instead of going to the streets and throwing criticisms, give solutions! Doing so can greatly help the Philippine market. **–BJ Baloncio,** *banker, Cagayan de Oro City*

Everything is in crisis, economy, politics. The only remedy is systemic change. **–Bill Andres,** *Bayan, General Santos City*

Sona? My God, [President] Arroyo still has the guts to deliver a Sona after what she did? Only real and honest people have the right to deliver a Sona? **–Katrina Mundo,** *BS Biology graduate, Zamboanga City*

Almost in the state of anarchy with subtle martial law. **–Peterson Bergado,** *Cameraman, ABS-CBN, Cagayan de Oro City*

We are in a state of calamity. Everybody thinks they know what to do with the country but none of them knows how to solve our poverty situation. **–Sally Ditchon,** *private employee, Davao City*

President Macapagal-Arroyo's unwavering stand of staying in power and rising above the chaos/crisis. **–Janeth Arandil,** *private sector employee, Cagayan de Oro City*

With a President who has lost credibility and critical public support, the country's direction is going nowhere. We're on the brink of economic and political disaster. **–Lawyer Glos Jayma,** *co-convenor, Agusan Movement for Gloria's Ouster (AMGO)*

I think we are doomed! Hopeless but we still have a chance if we unite. **–Rubelyn Yap,** *City Information Office, Cagayan de Oro City*

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Pagadian residents suffer from noise, air pollution

By Michael F. Sarcauga
Pagadian City

FRUIT vendor Lucy Banquiao was shouting when she answered the interview about the noise and air pollution in this city of more than 100,000 people.

She was also covering her mouth and nose to avoid inhaling the fumes coming from smoke-belching vehicles.

A recent study by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources found that the noise level in Pagadian City's commercial area was above tolerable level and the air quality very unhealthy.

In the study, the DENR identified three sampling sites, two commercial areas and one residential. In all three sites the average noise level is 80 decibels (db) as found in the seven trials conducted.

The survey's result bared that even in residential areas, the noise is above the standards of 55 db and 65 db during daytime in commercial areas.

The city's air quality has a total suspended particulates (TSP) of 439 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu g/m3$) in all three sites, which the study said, "exceeded the National Ambient Air Quality Standard set at 230 $\mu g/m3$."

Total suspended particulates refers to smoke from open burning and residential kitchen that uses wood as fuel for cooking, fumes from vehicles and dusts.

The DENR study attributed the noise and air pollution here to "motor vehicles specifically the tricycles and motorcycles plying major routes of the city."

Motorized tricycles, which number about 2,850 according to the city's business tax office, are the principal mode of transportation around the city.

Dr. Edgar Legazpi, environment committee chair of the Zamboanga del Sur Medical Society (ZSMS) said the noise generated by tricycles was due to the modification of the muffling system of the engines.

"The original engine is not noisy but because they wanted to load more passengers, they change the muffler so the tricycle can still run even though it is overloaded," said Legazpi.

Elino Ego-ogan, automotive specialist and instructor in one of the vocational schools here, said some operators changed the silencer of the motor engine to boost the power of the engine so that the tricycles could maneuver in upslope roads.

He also attributed the noise and air pollution to old tricycles which are still allowed to ply in the city.

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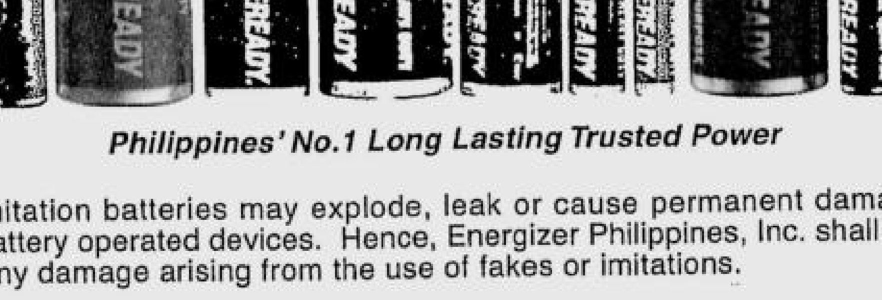

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Palparan says villagers' flight a big help to troops

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PALPARAN

TACLOBAN CITY—Major Gen. Jovito Palparan, the controversial top military officer on Samar Island, yesterday said he welcomed the massive evacuation of hinterland residents of Basey, Samar if only to get civilians out of harm's way as the military intensifies its operations against rebels operating in the area.

Palparan, the commanding officer of the 8th Infantry Division based in Catbalogan, Samar, said he was not "trivializing" the situation that he said has affected the lives of the evacuees.

"Personally, I appreciate that they have left the areas. This way, we can now freely mobilize the (military) troops and hunt the enemies hiding in these areas. This will lessen if not totally avoid incidents of civilians being caught in a crossfire," he said in a press conference held at the Leyte Park Resort here on Saturday.

Palparan was reacting to a question regarding the evacuation of thousands of residents of Bulao, Cogon, Cancaiyas, Mabini and Manlilinab, all interior and mountainous villages of Basey, 40 km away from here.

Palparan also said that he also felt unhappy that the villagers had to abandon their homes and property.

"I am not trivializing their decision to evacuate. I know it was difficult for them to leave their homes and properties. But I just hope that this will serve them a lesson. They can make a choice as to whether they will support the government or the outlawed group," he said, alluding to his allegations that many of these residents are sympathetic to the members of the armed group of the Communist Party of the Philippines.

Palparan reiterated his appeal to the people living in these areas, identified by him to be lairs of the New People's Army, to "extend cooperation to the government."

"We want them to have a normal life. And our men are trained to behave properly in areas where there are conflicts," he said, dismissing allegations that some military men committed human rights abuses against the civilians in the course of their campaign.

At least 2,500 residents from these villages had sought refuge at the town center and were housed by town officials at its unfinished gymnasium.

749 Mindanao execs urge Cha-cha through Con-ass

MALAYBALAY CITY—Local government officials from all over Mindanao urged national leaders to amend the Constitution through a constituent assembly, which they described as the fastest way to introduce changes in the charter.

During the Mindanaw Convention on Alternative Governance held at the Kaamulan Folk Arts Theater here on Friday, about 749 governors, mayors, vice mayors and councilors from such provinces as Misamis Occidental, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, Sulu, Sultan Kudarat, Saranggani and North Cotabato, also warned the central government that they would push through with an independent republic should their call for Charter change would not be heeded.

The convention was also attended by other leaders, including from nongovernment organizations and tribal communities.

At the end of the one-day summit, which was dubbed as "the biggest gathering of Mindanao local leaders," a resolution, which will be submitted to President Macapagal-Arroyo before she delivers her State of the Nation Address on Monday, was also passed.

Bukidnon Gov. Jose Ma. Zubiri, who initiated the second gathering of local government leaders after the Davao City Summit last week, told the INQUIRER that Ms Arroyo should seriously consider their demand.

"She should seriously look into this urgent call since this manifests the real sentiment of Mindanaoans, who are already tired of being in the bottom of development," Zubiri said.

Zubiri said three possible modifications in the charter had been suggested during the convention.

These were: a shift to parliamentary system that Camiguin Gov. Pedro Romualdo advocated, the shift to a federal system that leading federalist Jose Abueva spoke on and independence, a topic that former Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez argued about passionately.

But Charlito Manlupig, secretary general of Lihok Pideral Mindanaw, urged Mindanao leaders not to fall into the trap of rushing into a constituent assembly because this might produce a Constitution for vested interest groups.

Grace Albasin, Aquiles Z. Zonio with reports from Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

IN THE KNOW

THE 1987 Philippine Constitution can be changed either through a constitutional convention or a constituent assembly.

While a constitutional convention is a gathering of delegates chosen through election, a constituent assembly is a body composed of incumbent senators and congressmen.

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Plane crashes in Sorsogon; no one hurt

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MAGALLANES, Sorsogon—A two-seater Cessna plane crashed in a rice field in Barangay Caditaan here yesterday but caused no injury to its pilot and its lone passenger, local officials reported.

Councilor Elden Hilotin, who rushed to the crash site upon learning of the incident, said they found the pilot, Edcel Luciano, and his passenger, Calvin Mendoza, both safe despite the extensive damage suffered by the ill-fated plane.

Luciano said they were cruising at an altitude of about 1,980 meters when the plane's engine stopped some 30 minutes after it took off at Legazpi Airport.

The plane, with tail number RP C2181 and registered under Flyer's Philippines, a flying school, was en route to Cebu City and apparently was on a test flight. *Bobby Q. Labalan, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Adopt-a-barangay plan

LUCENA CITY—In line with the provincial government's "Adopt-a-barangay Program," Quezon Gov. Wilfrido Enverga led other local officials in the distribution of relief goods in 223 barangays in Real, Infanta and General Nakar last week. The provincial officials distributed sacks of rice, toilet bowls, school supplies, medical kits, fire extinguishers, and boxes of canned goods, among others. The typhoon victims also received P5,000 each as financial assistance. Selected villages received 40 cows and farm implements and seedlings.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Transport strike in Calabarzon

CALAMBA CITY—Saying the 13 rounds of oil price increases under the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo was just too much, a group of militant jeepney and tricycle drivers on Friday staged a transport strike in Calabarzon region's major towns. Rolando Mingo, chair of the Southern Tagalog Region Transport Sector Organization, said his group has paralyzed 80 percent of the major public transportation in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon by around noon. He said more than 10,000 drivers and operators in the region joined the strike which started midnight Friday. But the management of a terminal here, who asked not to be named, said only 20 percent of their members joined the transport strike. The transport group put up barricades along major public transportation terminals in Calamba City, San Pablo City, Sta. Rosa City, Cabuyao, San Pedro, Sta. Cruz and other towns in Calabarzon at around 4 a.m. Mingo said their group was not pressing for basic pay rate increase. He said aside from the scrapping of the Oil Deregulation Law, the immediate resignation of Ms Arroyo "seemed to be one of the most feasible ways" to counter the skyrocketing prices of oil products. Mingo said implementation of the expanded value-added tax would only increase prices of basic commodities and services. "Even before (Ms) Arroyo attempts to deceive us again with her new promises and delivers her gilded version of the state of the nation, we want to show [her] and the entire nation that drivers can no longer live under [her] administration," Mingo said in a separate statement.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

12,000 fake CDs seized

LUCENA CITY—Around 12,000 pirated audio and video compact discs worth P600,000 were seized here Thursday in two separate operations by members of the Optical Media Board and the police. The government agents swooped down on the vicinity of the city public market and the Pacific Mall and rounded up several stalls selling fake CDs. The confiscated items were placed inside 80 sacks. Police arrested Jalal Saripadu and Allan Latorre, both residents of this city, for violation of Republic Act 9239.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Soldier wounded in clash

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—A soldier was wounded in an encounter with New People's Army (NPA) rebels in a mountainous village in Alaminos, Laguna early Friday. Chief Supt. Jesus Versoza, Calabarzon police director, said the still unidentified soldier belonged to a Philippine Air Force team led by a certain Col. Tumanda. He said the wounded soldier was immediately airlifted to a government hospital in Manila. Versoza said the PAF soldiers were patrolling the area when they chanced upon a group of suspected NPAs in Barangay Palma II at around 1:30 a.m.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Court workers back GMA quit call

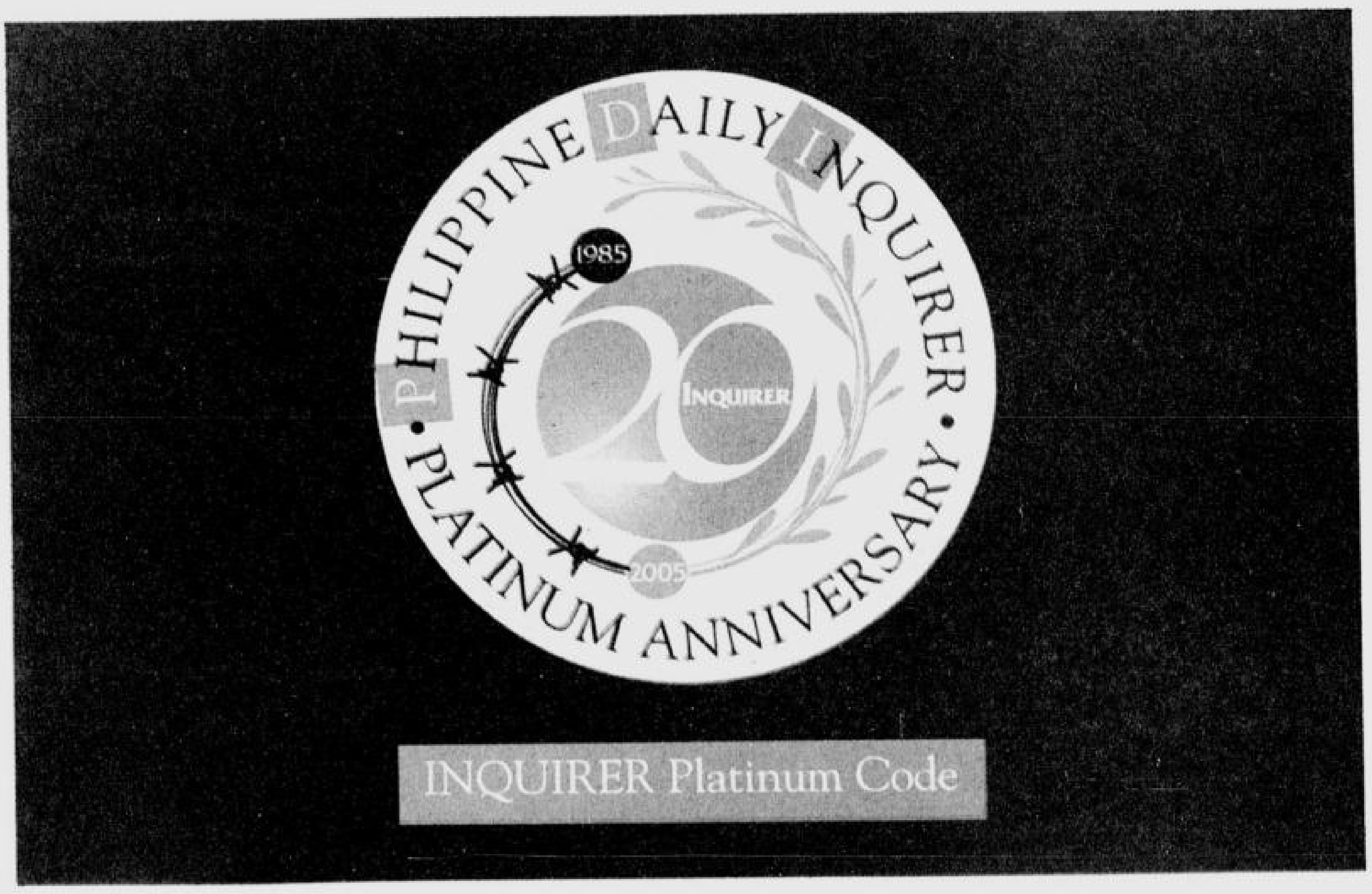
MATI, Davao Oriental—Court employees in the province have joined the calls for President Macapagal-Arroyo's resignation. "The President no longer has the moral ascendancy to rule this country. She should step down now for the sake of the country," Myrtle So, president of the Philippine Association of Court Employees in Davao Oriental, said. But So said they would not join protest rallies because "we are not allowed to do that, otherwise, we will be dismissed from government service." Earlier, Namfrel-Davao Oriental chair lawyer Leo Sibala also asked the President to step down.

Ferdinand O. Zuasola, PDI Mindanao Bureau

127 firearms recovered

BAGUIO CITY—The Cordillera police recovered 127 loose firearms in the region from January to June this year. Records from the regional police showed that the guns were recovered through "Oplan Bakal" and the establishment of checkpoints, arrest of crime suspects and raids. At least 92 suspects were held for illegal possession of firearms and of these, 68 were charged in court. The police's latest recovery involved two homemade shotguns found in the house of one Richard Preza in Dolores, Abra, on July 19.

Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau



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Group vows to block NLEx to protest Sona

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—More than 2,000 farmers and fishermen from Central Luzon's seven provinces have vowed to barricade the gates of the North Luzon Expressway and paralyze traffic on Monday when President Macapagal-Arroyo delivers her State of the Nation Address (Sona).

Leaders of the Laban ng Masa Coalition, the organizer of Monday's protest, said nine organizations that banded to seek Ms Arroyo's resignation are staging the demonstrations in Pampanga to "shatter the myth" that the President enjoys broad support in her home region.

"We reject her leadership because she has allowed the costs of production to rise, the prices of local farm produce to remain low and the land to remain in the control of a few while local markets are flooded with imported produce through her government's liberalized policy in agriculture," Jose Cunanan, chair of the Aguman da reng Maldang Talapagobra keng Gabun, said in a press briefing here on Saturday.

"She has never been sincere in her so-called reforms," Cunanan said.

Pablo Rosales, chair of the Pambansang Katipunan ng Makabayang Magbubukid Pampanga, said they selected Pampanga as a "rallying point" against the President because it is traversed by the NLEx "which represented the government's privatization program."

Rosales said the high cost of toll at the NLEx has "drained what little income farmers, bus and jeepney operators and drivers, entrepreneurs and commuters are able to earn amid the hard times."

Danny Gotche, of the Pambansang Ugnayan ng Nagkakaisang Organisasyon sa Kanayunan, said Monday's protest in Pampanga was "just part of a whole package of more militant actions" against the Arroyo administration.

The coalition was behind the sieges at the national offices of the departments of agriculture and land reform recently, he said.

"Those [actions would] tell you that we are determined to seek a change in leadership," he said.

Manuel Rosario of the Pambansang Katipunan ng mga Samahan sa Kanayunan said protesters would stand their ground even if the military and the police bar them from reaching the NLEx gates or disperse them.

The military and the police, Rosario said, have been conducting random checks in the province's main thoroughfares since Friday.

The besieged Arroyo administration came under fire from another group, in Bacolod City, that called for the President's resignation.

The Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Pilipinas (RPM-P) and its armed wing Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPP-ABB) called on Ms Arroyo to resign but said it is not pulling out from peace talks with the government.

Nilo de la Cruz, RPM-P chair, said Ms Arroyo no longer has any moral basis to govern.

"She assumed the presidency because people power swept her to the post in anger over jueteng allegations against her predecessor, Joseph Estrada, and today her family is faced with similar accusations," he said.

Citing the President's taped conversation with former Commission on Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano, De la Cruz said cheating in the last elections is tantamount to subverting the people's will. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk with a report from Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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A PROTESTER in Iloilo City tries to deliver her message in a placard. ARNOLD ALMACEN/PDI VISAYAS

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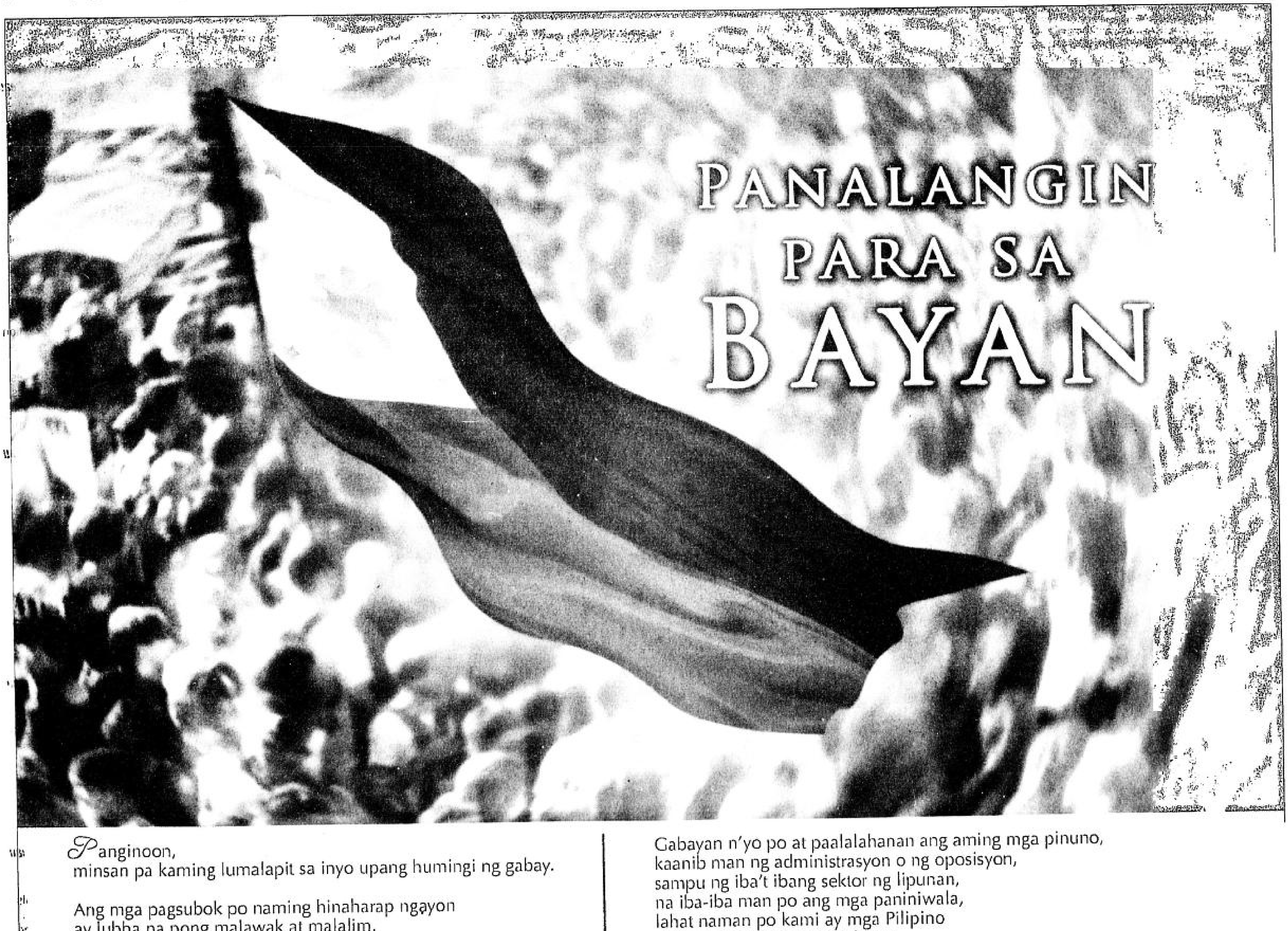

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Strikers storm compound of mining company

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Striking workers, their families, and members of antimining groups stormed the compound of the Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. in Mankayan, Benguet on Saturday.

The 50 policemen assigned there by Cordillera police officials as a peacekeeping force failed to contain the crowd. The workers' strike at the LCMC started on June 2.

Lawyer Weldy Manlong, LCMC administrative services manager, said the police fired warning shots and clashed with the strikers using night sticks when the group turned violent, hurling rocks at policemen and destroying the mine's Gate 3 at about 11 a.m. Saturday.

KMU role

The Kilusang Mayo Uno claimed to have gathered at least 3,000 sympathizers who marched beside the union officials, although police and LCMC officials estimated the crowd at 1,500.

The protesters proceeded to the Lepanto Employees Union hall, where they started holding a vigil, reports said.

Manlong said a few policemen were hurt in the scuffle.

But Hague Mangaoang, one of 19 dismissed LEU officials, said no one was hurt in the confrontation.

"It became violent because the police did not want these people to enter peacefully and [hold a protest] rally. But tensions have died down and we are simply waiting for management to talk to us," Mangaoang said.

Operations have not been disrupted, Manlong said. He said 1,087 employees and supervisors, who returned to work two weeks ago upon the instructions of the Department of Labor and Employment, now operate Lepanto's underground mines and mill.

Another peacekeeping force of the Benguet police is stationed in Barangay Tubo, guarding another mine gate, and has not been ordered to reinforce the security forces at Gate 3, Manlong said.

Monitor

Chief Supt. Noe Wong, Cordillera police director, said he is monitoring the situation in Mankayan.

Mangaoang said the LEU staged a rally in front of the Mankayan town hall earlier Saturday to demand a dialogue with LCMC officials, who broke off negotiations with the union on July 10.

The strike started when the LCMC refused to give in to the union's P29 daily wage increase proposal during the regular round of talks for a new collective bargaining agreement.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas assumed jurisdiction over the dispute, and granted the workers a P25 pay increase on June 14, but the striking workers refused to accept the order until the LCMC agrees to reinstate their union leaders.

The workers defied a return to work order issued by labor officials on June 8.

"[Management] cannot accept the leaders back because they were the same people who started the strike in 2003. We want the law to apply [to the strike leaders]," Manlong said.

He said Sto. Tomas, on July 15, ordered the National Labor Relations Commission to resolve the union's demand to reinstate their leaders, but the LEU has yet to elevate its complaint to the NLRC.

Mangaoang said LEU preferred to discuss the remaining terms with LCMC officials, instead of through government arbitrators.

"We simply want a memorandum of understanding drafted regarding [our reinstatement] and the pursuit of other demands for the CBA," he said.

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An old Igorot woman takes time out to secure water from a public place. Baguio thrives on rationed water, but the storms may bring solutions to this problems. Flooding in the mountain city reveals it has enough water after all to be contained and distributed to residents.

Water disputes seen over soon with unique system

By Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SAGADA, Mt. Province—This agricultural town is advocating an indigenous irrigation management to resolve the dispute over water sources among farming villages.

A study released by the Montañosa Research and Development Center (MRDC) said the lampisa system of water distribution of the Pidlisan (sometimes referred to as Fidelisan) tribe here has contributed to resolving water disputes in the town.

"The control of water resource is fast becoming a source of tribal wars in the Cordillera. The lampisa system could be developed as a mechanism to promote equal access of tribes to water sources in a peaceful and orderly manner," the study said.

Under the system, which was developed in the village of Tetep-an, selected villagers are tasked with maintaining the irrigation canal and rice fields during the dry season.

The lampisa's primary task is to ensure that rice fields receive a fair share of water at all times, to regularly inspect the entire irrigation system and to ensure that water flow is maintained.

24-hour work

In times of drought, villagers designated as lampisa have to work 24 hours to guarantee that every rice paddy gets an equal share of water regardless of supply.

The *dap-ay* elders (tribal council) require a lampisa to be "industrious, patient, dedicated, just, brave and does not bow to political and kinship pressures," the study said.

The elders also set rules to penalize those who violate the lampisa system.

Anyone who interferes with the duties of a lampisa will be fined and reprimanded. A lampisa found to be negligent of his duties should pay a fine to the owner of a damaged rice field.

Community power

The study said the successful implementation of the system is based on the power and dedication of community leaders. A significant contribution of the lampisa system to local families is that it allows people to leave the community to work elsewhere without worrying that their fields will dry up.

This is significant considering that workers seasonally migrate in search of money to pay for the education of their children and to buy basic household items, the study said.

Robert Pangod, MRDC researcher, said the lampisa system has been practiced since the early 1930s and has become an alternative approach to the maintenance and management of irrigation systems.

Threats

"It has survived decades of challenges and has triumphed over individualism, kinship, favoritism and political pressures while promoting communal ownership and use of basic resources," he said.

Although Cordillera has a rich water resource base, it is already threatened due to deforestation, social and industrial pressures and land conversion, Pangod said.

"The increase in population, expanding tourism industry and intensifying cash crop production give rise to water demand. Meanwhile, mining companies continue to pollute the river systems, making this water unfit for human consumption and irrigation," the study said.

Conflict over water sources is a perennial problem in the Cordillera and often leads to tribal wars, the study said.

It said water distribution becomes the most critical phase in rice production since the cropping period falls in the summer months when water discharge from springs and creeks is at its lowest.

Conflicts arise as farmers fight over supply and priority in irrigation.

The study said the tribal war between the Pidlisan tribe of northern Sagada and Dallic tribe of Bontoc, Mt. Province in 1999 was a result of conflict over control of a water source.

That year, the Saclit and Sadanga tribes of Mt. Province also engaged in a tribal war over the control of a major irrigation system in Sadanga town.

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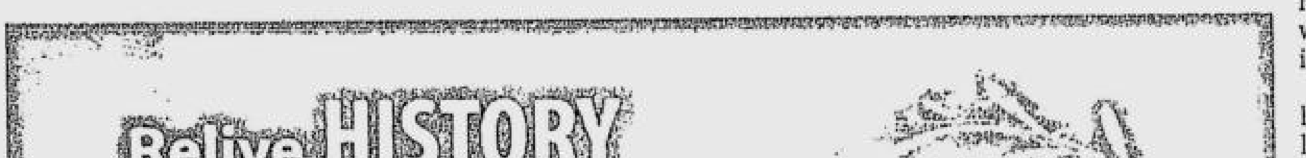
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President Roxas memorial to rise

Monument to birth of a new republic

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE UNDEVELOPED property at the corner of Roxas Boulevard and Pedro Gil Street, almost 3,000 sq. m. of idle space, probably does not merit a second glance from a passerby.

But the piece of land, home to a family of informal settlers for many decades now, was originally set aside for a noble cause. Now this grand mission, more than half a century in the making, will finally be realized. Next year, the President Manuel A. Roxas Memorial Center will be completed.

"The center is meant to become a landmark along Roxas Boulevard," Lina Laigo, president of the President Manuel A. Roxas (PMAR) Foundation, said in an interview.

The late chief executive's daughter, Ruby Roxas, agreed. The one and a half story structure was designed by no less than the famous Leandro Locsin Builders.

Simple tribute

"It is going to be a very simple tribute to my father," Roxas said humbly. "But we are hoping that it would become one of the city's most notable sights."

Roxas said the memorial center cum museum would focus on the era of her late father, particularly the most active years of President Roxas' political life.

"With this project, we want to inspire the youth through my father's accomplishments and help them brush up on their history,' Roxas said.

Laigo said the memorial center's state-of-the-art facilities would acquaint students and scholars with President Roxas' exemplary life.

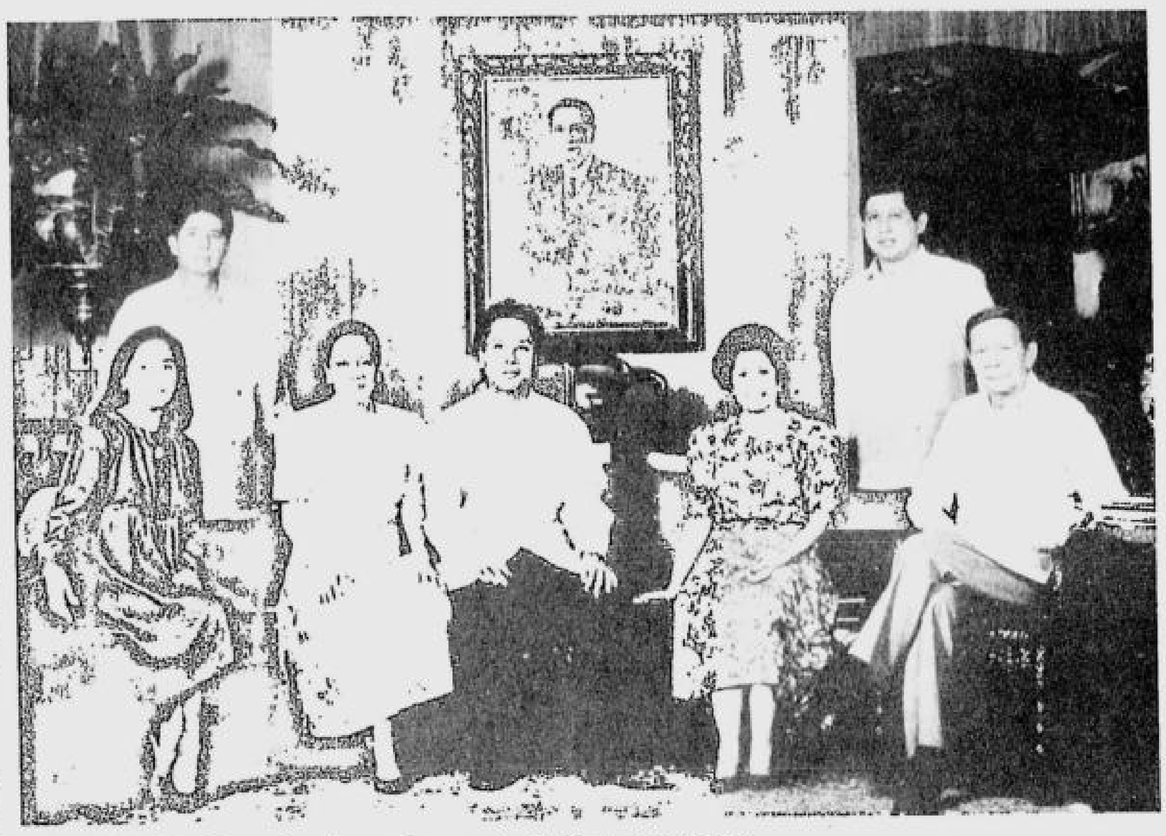
"He is probably the least known of the Philippine presidents because he served the country as chief executive in such a short period of time," Laigo said.

Barely two years in office, President Roxas died at the age of 56 of heart attack after delivering a speech in Pampanga.

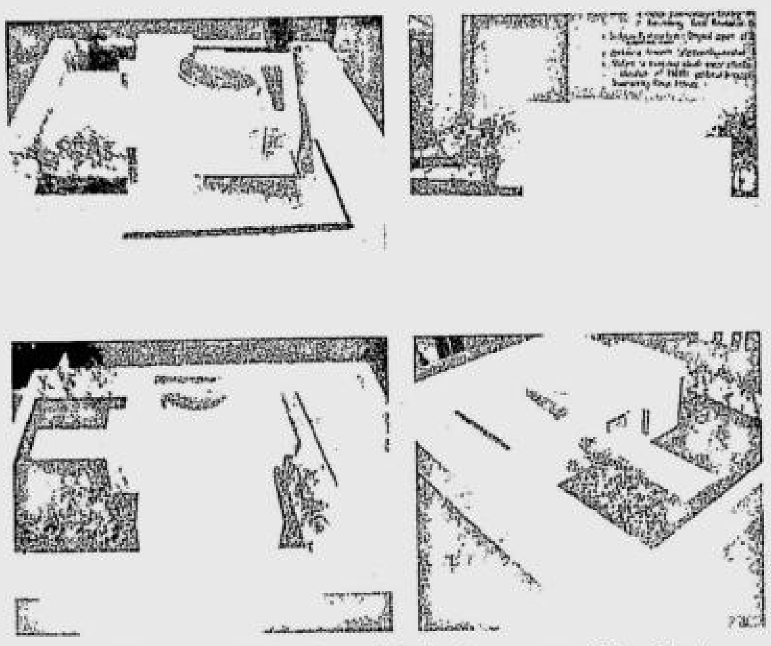
Laigo said the center would showcase the chief executive's achievements as the last President of the Commonwealth and the first of the Philippine Republic.

Shared memory

"The family and descendants of the late President have been pushing for the immediate realization of this project so they could share his memory with the Filipino people," Laigo said.



MEMBERS of the Roxas family pose for a portrait. Photo shows Judy Araneta Roxas (second from left) . At right is the late President Manuel Roxas.



DIFFERENT angles of the planned shrine in memory of President Manuel Roxas is shown above using a scale model. It will be built on a lot at the corner of Roxas Boulevard and Pedro Gil Street in Manila.

PMAR Foundation deputy director Marites Gonzaga said as early as 1950, the President's widow, Doña Trinidad, had already raised a million pesos for the construction of a memorial building in her husband's honor.

She handed over the money to the Quirino government for "safekeeping." The money now totaled P24 million, Gonzaga said.

Sold for one peso

Gonzaga added that, about the same time, the Friends of Roxas Inc., precursor of the PMAR Foundation, requested the government for a lot where they could build the planned memorial center.

"Through a republic act, the 2,788-sq.-m. lot on Roxas Boulevard was sold to the Friends of Roxas Inc. for one peso," Gonzaga explained.

And, after many years of waiting, the PMAR Foundation finally realized its plan to construct the P52 million project in coordination with the National Historical Institute.

"The museum would not only focus on President Roxas' life but also on the era he lived in, specifically the years from 1915, when the first independent mission was sent to the United States, to 1955, during the reconstruction of the Philippines after the second world war," Laigo said.

Laigo added that the center would offer students and researchers valuable information through its digital and interactive library containing thousands of raw images, video footage, audio tapes, and text regarding the particular period.

"We had the director of the University of the Philippines' main library do the complete bibliography with annotations on everything written about President Roxas," Laigo said.

The foundation president stressed that the library would be user- and child-friendly for the benefit of students who would visit the center as part of their education.

The center would also feature a memorabilia room containing a permanent exhibit focusing on President Roxas. The collection will include the President's personal things like shoes, barong Tagalog, hats, eyeglasses, golf clubs, horseback riding paraphernalia, pins and medals, photos, books, personal typewriter, and other mementos.

Amorsolo portrait

Gonzaga said the public was expected to be interested to see the clothes and shoes President Roxas wore during his inauguration on July 4, 1946, and his oil portrait painted by the great Filipino artist Fernando Amorsolo in 1953.

The center will also have a multi-media experience room or "black box," which could accommodate 50 people per showing.

"It will be an experiential walk-through for everybody," Gonzaga said. "When they go inside the room for example, they would hear bombs exploding and they would see raw footage of the war so they would have a feel of the era."

Laigo said the whole project would be completed next year.

Fishermen given spot in the bay

By Jocelyn R. Uy

IT'S A big move for small fishermen in Muntinlupa City.

The City Council has passed an ordinance giving resident fishermen priority over areas of Laguna Lake that are within Muntinlupa's territory.

Once enacted, the ordinance will give Muntinlupa fishermen priority in the putting up of fishpens in waters within the city's jurisdiction.

These fishermen could put up fish cages 200 m from the shoreline, based on the zone map of the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), said Councilor Mario Bulay, one of the sponsors of the proposed ordinance.

Bulay said the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council, composed of roughly 900 local fishermen, had complained that they could not put up fishpens because nonresidents were already operating fish cages in their area.

Under the proposed ordinance, resident fisher folk would be protected and given preference.

The proposal would also control the continuous proliferation of fish cages, fish pens and degradation of the productivity of the lake.

It would also seek to prevent conflicts between large-scale fish operators and marginal fishermen.

Based on the proposal, only Filipino citizens and bonafide residents of Muntinlupa City, who have lived in the city for six months, over 21 years old would be allowed to operate a fish cage in the lake.

However, fish operators are required to secure certification from the barangay and Comelec, Lake Management Office Zoning Clearance and Mayor's Permit.

Las Piñas City house yields high-powered firearms

By Jocelyn R. Uy

VIGILANCE pays.

A tip from village security guards and barangay watchmen led to the discovery of a cache of high-powered firearms in a subdivision in Las Piñas City on Friday.

The find came three days before the heavily guarded State of the Nation Address of President Macapagal-Arroyo in Congress.

Las Piñas police director Supt. Josephus Angan said two men were arrested inside the house where the weapons were found.

Angan identified the two as Nelson Polintan and Ronald Sagmit who reportedly tried to elude arrest by flashing a badge and claiming to be policemen.

Seized from them were two M16 assault rifles, one of which was fitted with a sniper scope; an Ingram machine pistol with a silencer, a shotgun, two hand grenades, four flares, assorted live ammunition and a police badge.

According to Angan, watchmen of Patricia Homes in Barangay Pamplona Dos reported to police the presence of armed men inside the subdivision.

The watchmen's attention was first caught by loud, hammering noises inside the house at Block 3, Lot 5, St. Andrew Street.

Watchmen said they were not aware of any construction permit issued to the occupants of the house.

Suspicious, policemen began patrolling Patricia Homes, with special attention given on St. Andrew Street, where the armed men had been sighted.

At about 11:30 a.m. on Friday, the lawmen saw a man come out of the house. A firearm dangled from the man's arm, Angan said.

When the policemen introduced themselves, the man reportedly flashed a badge and identified himself as a lawman.

However, the man also suddenly ran into the house prompting the policemen to run after him.

Inside, lawmen discovered the arms cache.

Asked whether the two men might have had plans to disrupt the Sona or the rallies on Monday, Angan said they were possible gunrunners having links with bank robbers or drug dealers.

"Considering that there have been bank robberies within Metro Manila, they might be part of bank robbery gangs," he said.

He added that the two men could be part of an illegal drugs syndicate.

"But we are still investigating them," he said.

Angan said they had yet to validate whether the two suspects were involved in previous criminal activities.

Polintan and Sagmit are under investigation and would be charged for illegal possession of firearms, the police official said.

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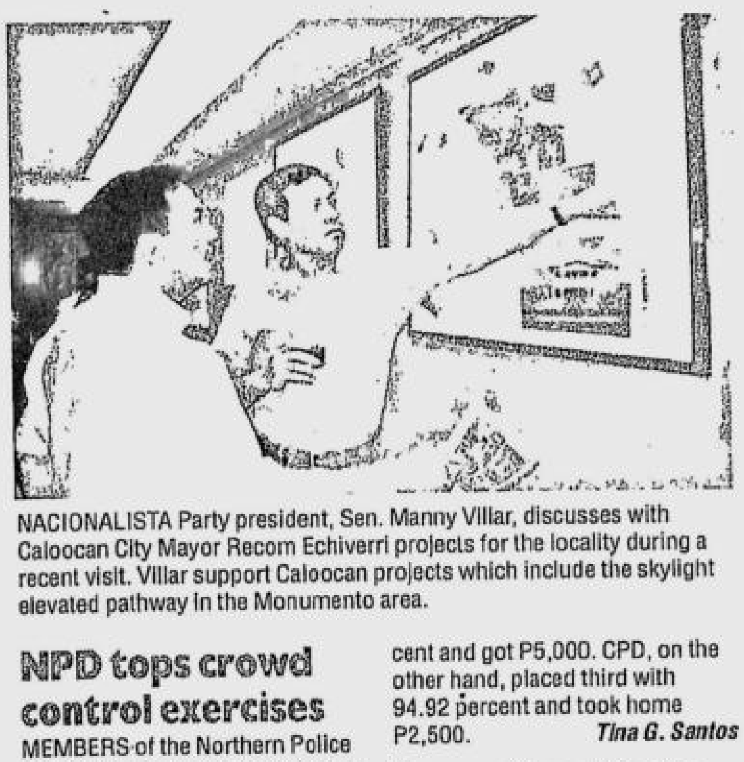

NACIONALISTA Party president, Sen. Manny Villar, discusses with Caloocan City Mayor Recom Echiverri projects for the locality during a recent visit. Villar support Caloocan projects which include the skylight elevated pathway in the Monumento area.

NPD tops crowd control exercises

MEMBERS of the Northern Police District (NPD) crowd control team retained its title after it topped contingents from five other units in the Civil Disturbance Management competition held yesterday at the Freedom Grandstand in Manila yesterday morning. NPD got a score of 96.06 percent and received P10,000 cash. WPD came in close second with 96 percent and got P5,000. CPD, on the other hand, placed third with 94.92 percent and took home P2,500. *Tina G. Santos*

Pasay fire affects 200 families

AT LEAST 200 families lost their homes when fire raged through a residential area in Pasay City the other night. The fire broke out at 7:15 p.m. Friday on the house occupied by a certain Teresita Mendoza in Barangay 65 Emma corner Stanford St., said SFO2 Nicolas Macote. "It started on the ceiling of the second floor of her house," Macote said. By the time it was put out at 11 p.m., the fire had destroyed 75 houses. Damage was placed at P5 million. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Solid waste drive

PARAÑAQUE City is giving its approach in battling garbage a touch of creativity. The city's media office staff has been busy doodling colorful cartoons, caricatures and pictures that would be included in posters and brochures promoting its waste reduction program. Among the caricatures is Mayor Florencio Bernabe carrying two garbage bags. However, it may or may not be chosen by the Solid Waste Management Board which will finalize the campaign materials for the program. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

DA protest leaders charged in QC

THE DEPARTMENT of Agriculture charged four leaders of farmers and fisher folk groups with public disorder, malicious mischief and physical injury after 500 protesters stormed on July 15 the DA compound in Quezon City. *DJ Yap*

Text messages lead to arrest of pushers

IT TOOK the vigilance—and the cellular phones—of concerned citizens to lead to the arrest of two alleged drug traffickers in Navotas.

Mayor Toby Tiangco ordered Supt. Genesis Tolejano to look into the activities of Jesus Jose, 39, and Allan Sioson, 30, after the local chief executive was swamped by text messages about their alleged illegal drugs trade.

"An extensive surveillance operation was conducted on them after Mayor Tiangco was deluged by messages on their activities," Tolejano said.

On Thursday, members of the Navotas police drug enforcement unit arrested Jose and Sioson in separate buy-bust operations.

Police reportedly seized more than three grams of shabu, a weighing scale, aluminum foil and several empty plastic sachets with traces of illegal drugs and other drug paraphernalia from the two men.

Tolejano said that during questioning, Sioson claimed that Jose supplied drugs in Navotas and parts of adjacent Malabon City.

"At the time of his arrest, (Jose) was number 5 on the list of order of battle on drug pushers," the police chief said.

Jose had earlier been apprehended for drug trafficking but charges against him were dismissed by the court.

Sioson was first to be arrested at his house in Barangay NBBN, Navotas after selling shabu to an undercover policeman.

Jose was later collared inside his house at 36 Galicia St., Barangay Bangkulasi, also in Navotas.

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Warriors trip Maroons; Archers subdue Falcons

JAY-R Aquino of La Salle tries to pass off Patrick Cabahug of Adamson. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

GAMES TODAY (Blue Eagle Gym)
10 a.m.—UST vs FEU (Jrs)
12 p.m.—Ateneo vs NU (Jrs)
2 p.m.—Ateneo vs NU (Srs)
4 p.m.—UST vs FEU (Srs)

By Jasmine W. Payo

FOR A young crew, the University of the East Warriors are proving hard to stop.

Six days after stunning defending champion La Salle, the Warriors dealt the streaking University of the Philippines Maroons their first loss, 57-51, yesterday in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

"Our game plan was to surpass their aggressiveness and intensity, that's the key there," said coach Dindo Pumaren after his Warriors spoiled the Maroons' bid to match their 4-0 record in 1997.

"We were hungrier, we were diving for the ball," added Pumaren.

It was a double Pumaren victory as Franz's La Salle Archers repulsed the Adamson Falcons, 65-58.

TY Tang drilled in 19 points, including a key three-pointer in the final 53 seconds that quelled the Falcons' spirited 11-0 rally.

The Warriors moved into a tie with the Maroons for second place with 3-1 records behind solo leader Far Eastern University at 3-0.

La Salle recovered from back-to-back shockers against the Maroons and the Warriors to settle at 2-2 in a deadlock with Adamson.

The varsity scores:

First game

UE 57—Saguindel 13, Custodio 12, Palaganas 7, Labagala 7, Arellano 6, Raymundo 4, Espiritu 3, Borboran 3, Gregorio 2, Lapeña 0, Cañizares 0.

UP 51—Santos 16, David 12, Cruz 8, Doruela 7, Ferrer 5, Vainio 2, Gavino 1, Quebral 0, Padolina 0, Epres 0, Agbayani 0

Quarters: 12-15, 31-24, 45-35, 57-51.

Second game

LA SALLE 65—Tang 19, Yeo 12, Maierhoffer 8, Villanueva 6, Cabatu 6, Benitez 4, Araña 4, Cua 2, Casio 2, Aquino 2, Rivera 0.

ADAMSON 58—Cabahug 24, Hate 10, Bono 6, Tajonera 5, Hugnatan 4, Gonzalgo 3, Capati 3, Agustin 2, Canuday 1, Yong 0, Tiongco 0, Basilio 0.

Quarters: 20-11, 40-30, 59-47, 65-58.

Chino not eyeing any PBF position

CHINO Trinidad is not interested in any position in the Philippine Basketball Federation, which will hold its first election of officers tomorrow afternoon.

The Philippine Basketball League commissioner said that he will beg off from any nominations and appointments when major basketball stakeholders gather tomorrow out of "delicadeza."

"I have been a staunch critic of the BAP (Basketball Association of the Philippines) for so long now," Trinidad told the INQUIRER over the phone. "It will not be right for me to accept any position (in the PBF).

"*Ayoko naman na tawagin nila akong bantay-salakay* (I don't want them to call me an opportunist)."

Trinidad, who is being rumored to be a strong choice for the PBF secretary-general, said he feels that Moying Martelino is the right man to occupy that spot.

"He has the expertise and the vast experience," Trinidad said of Martelino. *Musong Castillo*

De Villa wins in US

DE VILLA

DEBBIE de Villa clinched another big win for Philippine jungolfers currently campaigning in the United States when she topped the 5th Annual Jack and Madaline Hooper Memorial Junior Tournament Friday (Saturday in Manila) at the California Country Club in Whittier, CA.

The 14-year-old De Villa, who finished tied for sixth in last week's Junior World championship in San Diego, scored an even-par 74 on the second and final day to nip hometown favorite Lee Lopez by one stroke for the 12-18 years Girls Flight of the 36-hole tourney.

Two down after the 13th hole, De Villa racked up three birdies from the 14th hole to lead by a stroke then bucked a double-bogey on the final hole to pick up her first victory in the US.

De Villa tallied a 149 after a 75 in the first round while Lopez ended at 150 on two 75s.

Two other local bets, Mia Piccio and Debbie's sister Linnel, also finished in the Top 5 of the event. The Bacolod-based Piccio checked in third while Linnel finished fourth.

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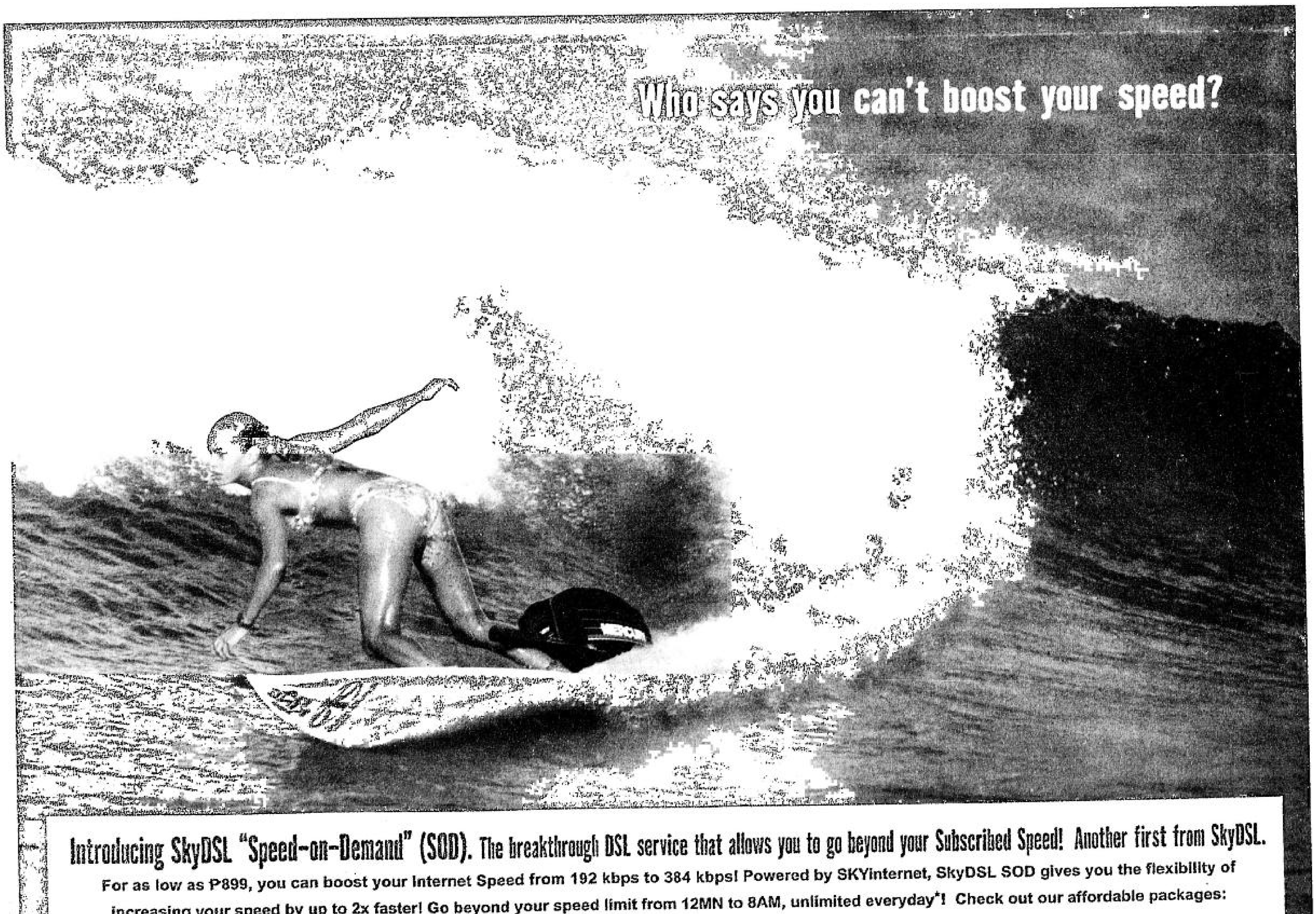
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Zanorte downs Cagayan de Oro, snaps 8-game NBC slump

DIPOLOG CITY—With a change in venue from Dapitan City's Sports/Cultural Center to the Teacher's gym here, Zanorte's fortune also changed as the Hornbills came from behind to trim the Cagayan de Oro Stars, 82-78, in overtime for their first victory in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the Teacher's gym here.

Winless in eight previous games, the Hornbills of Gov. Rolando Yebes and strong mayor supporters Roberto Uy and Dominador Jalosjos Jr. stormed back from a 12-point deficit to extend the game at 73 and then leaned on Mark Apepe, Rey Dumapig and Jun Arquero to pull through in the extra period.

"It (win) was long overdue," said Hornbills coach Ruel Daba.

The Stars of former Misamis Oriental Gov. Antonio Calingin fell to 1-4 in the tourney supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Spring Cooking Oil, Accel, Molten, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam, KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang), Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

Dumapig, whose hard drive in the last 6.7 seconds forced extension, led the Hornbills with 19 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and two steals. Apepe added 12 points and 11 boards while Arquero had nine points and 12 rebounds.

Ronan Isidro and Balong Ramos chipped in 21 points each for the Stars, while Donald Tadena added 14 markers and eight boards.

Triple Crown 3rd leg up

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

REAL Spicy came into the 2005 Triple Crown series as a highly touted candidate but still came up empty after two legs.

Today, the former juvenile champion tries to salvage pride and honor when he attempts to score in the Horseman's Cup, final stop of the annual tussle among 3-year-old horses, at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

And the tough task of achieving that goal no longer depends on the ace jockey who used to guide the colt regularly, but on a rider who is not new to big-time, pressure-packed races.

For the first time after one year and 22 straight rides, including in the barrier trials, Pat Dilema is out as Real Spicy's partner. Antonio Alcasid Jr. is in.

The jockey switch by the handlers of Real Spicy is just one of the interesting sidelights set to unfold when last year's most dominant 2-year-old galloper crosses paths again with Speed Advantage and Thywillbedone, as well as five other entries in the event set over the arduous 2,000-meter route.

Speed Advantage captured the Cojuangco Cup, while Thywillbedone claimed the Ongpin Cup. Real Spicy came in second and third in both races, respectively.

The 41-year-old Alcasid, recently hired back as one of Hermie Esguerra's stable jockeys, is steering Real Spicy officially for the first time today and fans are eager to see if he'd click with the son of Real Quiet the same way he did with Empire King whom he piloted to two straight big wins recently.

Dilema, who masterminded Real Spicy's six major victories including the 2004 Juvenile Championship, won't be without a ride, though.

The 26-year-old seven-time PSA Jockey of the Year awardee will be aboard the Trillana Stable's longshot entry D As In Dixie, a stayer whose latest win was incidentally engineered by Alcasid.

Fernando Raquel Jr. will stay atop Speed Advantage, while Elpidio Aguila remains aboard Thywillbedone.

Alcasid rode Real Spicy in a recent barrier run, while Speed Advantage warmed up for the Horseman's Cup by winning the Director's Cup two weeks ago. Thywillbedone yielded to Tiger Song in a Class Division contest, also two weeks back.

RACING TIPS

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Race 2—1. Inca 2. Pechanga 3. Red Strike/Striking Thunder 4. Kat's Magic 5. Dixie Dash
Race 3—1. Magpakailanman 2. House of Riches 3. King Foppy
Race 4—1. Golden Number 2. Northern Reef 3. Given 4. Common Goal 5 Red Hot Water
Race 5—1. Euro Bucks 2. Tiger Song 3. Black Squall 4. Smokin' Red 5. Nothing Impossible
Race 6—1. Presidentiable 2. Security Star 3. Transparent 4. Yoshiwara 5. Smiling Jaeda 6. Scarlet Beauty
Race 7—1. Real Spicy/Ocean Deep 2. Speed Advantage 3. Thywillbedone 4. D As In Dixie
Race 8—1. Valid Hazm/Gonfalon Story 2. Dagger Look 3. Fancy Dancer 4. Sovereign Dancer 5. I Miss You 6. Prima Vera
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GIRL POWER: San Miguel Corp.'s muay tai project director Samboy Lim watches Lianne Flameno, the country's best bet for the 51-54-kg women's category, unleash a kick to head coach Alumno during a practice session. With them are Robert Valdes, president of the Muay Thai Association of the Philippines.

Over 40,000 entries start for 3rd Manila Marathon

OVER 40,000 participants will be flagged off at the Rizal Park in the third staging of the Manila Marathon at dawn today.

More than P500,000 will be at stake as the record field competes in seven divisions, including the centerpiece 42-km race.

The 42K event will start at 4 a.m. with the runners proceeding to Tondo, Binondo, Intramuros, Ermita, Quiapo, Sta. Cruz, Sampaloc, Sta. Mesa, Pandacan, Paco, Sta. Ana, San Andres, Singalong and Malate before heading back to the Rizal Park.

The organizing Manila Sports Council (Masco) has waived all entry fees in exchange for canned goods to be donated to the underprivileged children of the Antique and Kalinga Apayao provinces.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and Masco chief Arnold "Ali" Atienza will lead the mammoth field together with city hall luminaries, representatives from the city's 897 barangays and six congressional districts, top sports officials, heads of various National Sports Associations, as well as national athletes.

Runners from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, City Colleges of Manila, Earist, TUP, PUP, San Sebastian, Mapua, St. Benilde, the city's 130 public elementary and secondary schools, as well as various school leagues have enlisted in the event backed by Nike, Pagcor, PCSO, Philippine Sports Commission, Milo, Super Ferry, Gatorade, San Miguel Corp., IntraSports, and Concept Movers.

The event also gained the support of runners from other local government units, government agencies, different non-government organizations, the military and police, as well as the clergy, movie and entertainment industry, top corporations and private firms, and various running clubs.

Also up for grabs are championship trophies in the 10-km, 5-km, Media 5-km, Celebrity 5-km, Differently abled 3-km, and the 15-under Kids 3-km races, which will simultaneously begin at 6 a.m. and will cover the Roxas Boulevard area and part of the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex and Diosdado Macapagal Avenue.

The race seeks a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records as far as the number of entries is concerned even as the 42K winner gets the chance to represent the Philippines in major international marathons later in the year.

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A chat with Fastbreak Freddie

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

IN A CHAT with Freddie Webb in his "Fastbreak Freddie" radio program on dzMM 630 megahertz yesterday, the basketball idol of that era when basketball was at its purest, said: "God forbid that basketball would not be staged when we host the SEA Games in Manila in November."

He was speaking from the heart.

Basketball has always been his life.

Uh-oh. Wait. Better yet, his blood type is B—basketball.

I can't think of any basketball player whose love for the game did not end when he left it.

When Freddie Webb retired, he merely moved on to pursue more athletic-related dreams. He became a politician, got himself elected senator of the republic and made laws beneficial to our athletes.

Then, before we knew it, he was back as coach of the first ever Shell team in the PBA in 1985. Among his players then were Philip Cezar and, yes, Leo Austria.

Cezar would also proceed to become vice mayor of San Juan. He would have made it to City Hall but Edsa Dos deflected that.

Austria, a former PBA Rookie of the Year under the wings of Webb, would become Shell head coach nearly 20 years after donning the Shell jersey.

Like the game of basketball that he loves dearly, Freddie Webb has not stopped surprising me. Frankly, I was surprised—happily, that is—that he made me his guest yesterday in his famous "Fastbreak Freddie" program.

"I haven't seen you in ages," he said.

"I see you once in a while but I don't have the heart to say hello to you," I said. "I see you every now and then at your Rockwell groom shop as Rockwell is my favorite hangout."

Freddie Webb was the fastest ever point guard Philippine basketball has ever had. In his time, whether he's the one starting a fast break or the one finishing a fast break at the far end of the court, Webb always does it perfectly.

But mostly, he's the finisher of a fast break. At times, he'd do it coast to coast.

In a flash, he'd be gone.

Like a bolt of lightning, he'd be out of sight.

One would need to grab his jersey to foil a breakaway shot.

Or intentionally trip him to prevent him from scooting for two.

No one could match his speed. Not even Yoyong Martirez, who was quickly touted as Webb's heir apparent when the Visayan popped into the nation's basketball consciousness in the '70s.

In a classic duel of sprinting prowess between the two at the Rizal Memorial oval some decades back, both almost finished in a dead heat. Webb, although older by several years, nipped Martirez with a burst of speed at the tape.

Oddly enough, their commonality did not end there.

Aside from becoming television personalities, Martirez, like Webb, also became a politician. Martirez is now vice mayor of Pasig City.

Now a consummate golfer, Fastbreak Freddie asked me: "Among his main rivals today, who has the strongest potential to topple Tiger Woods from the top?"

"The entire field," I said. "No single player today is near the level of Tiger Woods' game."

"But back to basketball," he said. "It'd be a shame if basketball is not played in the coming SEA Games."

I agreed.

"In fact," I said, "the four Bs in sports will give us gold medals in the SEA Games."

"What four Bs?"

I said: "The four Bs are badminton, billiards, boxing and basketball."

"Right you are, my friend," Freddie said.

"Ah, there's one more," I said.

"What?"

"Ballroom dancing," I said.

"Bull's-eye," Freddie said. "Do you do ballroom dancing?"

"Once in a while," I said.

"OK, when you are through writing your column, can you be my DI (dance instructor)?" Freddie said.

"My pleasure."

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FASTBREAK. Congratulations to Dr. Eugenio "Enyong" Mislang Jr. During his short span of time as Commanding Officer of Camp Lapu-Lapu Station Hospital in Cebu, the officer and gentleman from Quezon St., Mangatarem, Pangasinan, has already endeared himself to his staff. Amiable and always with a warm heart—that's Dr. Mislang for you. Generals Teodosio and Alamillo must also be commended. They were responsible in putting Enyong—Chito to his dear friends in the Big City—to his present post. Here's a glass to you, guys! May your tribe increase! . . . And yes, happy birthday to Sol Juvida of Calauag, Quezon. Tsup!

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E-mail comments to menju@pldtdsl.net

SPORTSWATCH

All eyes on Gempesaw in Delo 4x4 leg

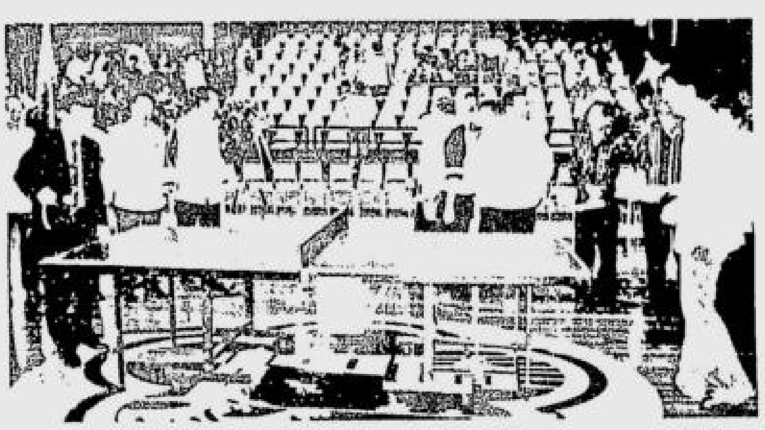
DAVAO'S TimTom Gempesaw will be a marked man in today's 3rd leg of the Delo Sports National Extreme 4x4 Series in Santiago, Isabela, today. Gempesaw, whose mighty charge in the second leg of the series in Dumaguete City last month catapulted him to the lead, will try to fend off his pursuers to earn a second straight Off-Roader of the Year title. "Everybody will be after my scalp," said Gempesaw. "But I like challenges. It's better winning that way, because you know your rivals are at the top of their games." One of those trying to stop Gempesaw's domination is Butoy Gamallo of the Cebu Off-Road Club. Gamallo topped the 2nd leg of the 2005 National Extreme 4x4 Series, backed by Caltex Delo Sports Synthetic Blend Oil, a unique formulation for this extreme sport, specially formulated for diesel and gasoline-powered Sports Utility Vehicles and 4x4s. Hosted by the Santiago Extreme Off-Road Club, the event is sanctioned by the National Association of Filipino Off-Roaders (Nasfor), headed by Brian Diaz.

World Cup elims roll off tomorrow

THE THREE-MONTH battle for the right to represent the Philippines in the 2005 World Cup international championship in Ljubljana, Slovenia, starts tomorrow in 23 bowling centers all over the country. The venues for the first two qualifying periods are Paeng's Eastwood Bowl, Puyat Sports Farmers, Paeng's Sugarbowl-Bacolod, Q Plaza, Xybr Bowl, Superbowl, Bowling Inn, Pearl Plaza, Paeng's Towncenter Bowl, Paeng's Midtown Bowl, SM West, SM Megamall, SM Fairview, Starlanes, Metropolis Alabang, Commonwealth, Grand Central, Paeng's Freedom Bowl Imus, Power Bowl, Coastal Lanes, Puyat Sports Baguio, Metromall Lanes and Paeng's Skybowl. The first qualifying period will end the night before each center finals (Aug. 21-25), while the second qualifying period begins on Aug. 26 up to the night before each center finals (Sept. 26-28). The national finals will be held on Oct. 2-3 at Paeng's Midtown, Oct. 5 at Starlanes and Oct. 7 at SM Megamall.

Oakley Mountain Bike Challenge set

ALL IS set for the first ever Oakley Mountain Bike Challenge, which blasts off on July 31 at the Palo Alto Racetrack, Barangay Pinugay, Baras, Rizal. Raffle prizes, such as Oakley items and accessories, await participants. Organized by KP5 president Nani A. Pazcoguin, the event is sponsored by Oakley, Sta. Lucia Realty and Development Inc., RC Cola, Aqua Soft, Sunbolt, Tropical Ice, YRS, Oggie Doggie Hotdogs and Sausages, Triplex, Networx, East Cars, Artech, Aison Auto Center, Cross Train, Cycling Zone, Joven, Newton, Paulina's, Techno Turbo Trading and Dan's Bike Shop. The event will be televised by Sports TV and covered by Speed Magazine and Active and Fitness Magazine. Interested riders may call John at 0922-4377705 or e-mail kp5@pldtdsl.net and kinetic_production@yahoo.com.


NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Eastern Athletics Association chair Jacinto Uy (left) and Table Tennis Association of the Philippines president Victor Valbuena do the ceremonial serve of the fourth Eastern Cup Table Tennis National Championship last July 17. The event, held as part of the 30th anniversary of Fil-China Diplomatic Relations, will end today.

Pacquiao putting up own promo outfit

FILIPINO ring great Manny Pacquiao is determined to put up his own promotional outfit using the same concept of the famous Golden Boy Promotions of noted American fighter Oscar De La Hoya. A source said that the former world champion from General Santos City has already set aside P1.5 million to start the ball rolling for his new venture. Rex "Wakee" Salud, the Cebuano boxing promoter who has already produced three world champions, is also said to be working closely with Pacquiao on the project. Pacquiao is now working with veteran matchmaker Jimmy Narvaez to be able to put up quality boxing shows in the future. Pacquiao is currently managing the affairs of his younger brother, Bobby, along with Los Angeles-based Michael Koncz. Meanwhile, Pacquiao is reportedly divesting himself of financial involvement in the boxing program, In This Corner, which is run by his former business manager, Rod Nazario. *Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor*

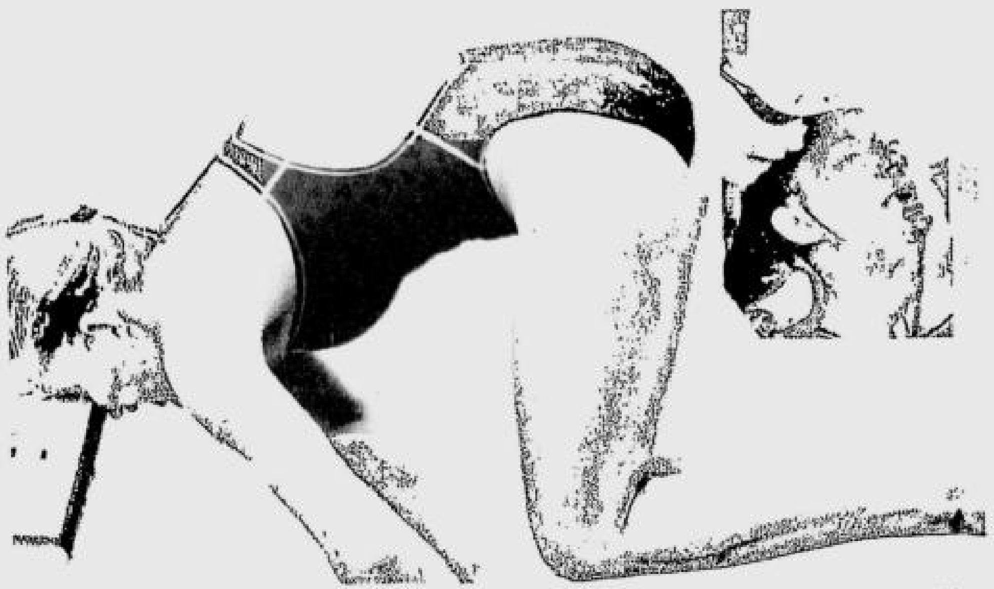
Light-flyweight bouts in 'Fistorama'

TANDUAY "Fistorama" features at 4 p.m. today two exciting bouts in the light-flyweight divisions. Dodong Salde faces Apol Suico in four rounds at 108 lb while Emer Barrientos squares off with Gabriel Pumar in eight rounds. The bouts were held recently at the Lapu-Lapu Sports Complex in Cebu in a fight card promoted by Rex "Wakee" Salud and shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. "Golf Power Plus," supported by PCSO and Samsung and featuring the elimination round of the Cantada Sports Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge, airs at 3 p.m.

Top cockers LGBA forum at Sulo

TOPNOTCH cockers will attend the "All About Gamecocks Forum II" on Aug. 4 and 5 at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City to share their expertise with new cockers and breeders. LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz said the affair is a chance to hear and learn the trade secrets of established breeders. Participants can also learn the latest techniques in breeding and conditioning. Among the invited speakers are Dr. Gil Nicolas, Emoy Gorgonia and Diaz as well as experts from different gamefowl feeds and nutrition companies. Backing up the event are sponsors Asvet, Robichem Laboratories, Thunderbird, Purina and Cockhouse Corp. For reservations, call 9267808, 9245072 or 0920-5851940 (look for Taz Lunazco). Registration fee is P3,500 for LGBA members, and P5,000 for non-members.

WORLD'S BEST: Chris Sports Plaza's Gilbert Tang (2nd from right) welcomes British world's No. 1 mixed doubles badminton player Nathan Robertson during a store visit at the SM Megamall last week. Robertson is sponsored by Carlton, which is exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Dunlop Slazenger International Inc. With them are Dunlop general manager Cecille Reyes and marketing manager Roland So.



OUCH! American Chelsea Davis hits her head on the board during a preliminary round in the women's three-meter springboard diving competition at the World Aquatics Championships in Montreal. Davis required stitches but wasn't seriously injured. AP

Creamer grabs lead

3rd round 66 gives teener 7-shot cushion

EVIAN, France — Paula Creamer shot a 6-under 66 Friday, taking a seven-stroke lead over Karine Icher and Laura Davies after the third round of the $2.4-million Evian Masters.

Filipino Jennifer Rosales fired a 71 and fell to 16 shots out of the lead going into the final round.

The 18-year-old Californian was eight strokes ahead of Annika Sorenstam, who carded a 72, and 11 clear of 15-year-old amateur Michelle Wie. After rounds of 75 and 70, the 15-year-old Hawaiian came in with a 68.

Icher managed a 68 and Davies had a 70, but lost ground of Creamer, who is poised to claim her second title in her rookie season.

"Tomorrow it will be like everybody's starting out at zero," Creamer said. "I'll aim to get the lead as big as possible, as quickly as possible."

Creamer, known for wearing something pink every time she plays, captured the Sybase Classic two months ago.

"But when I won the Sybase, I was a shot back going into Sunday," Creamer said.

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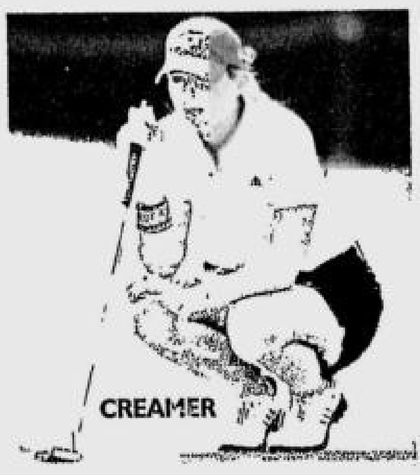

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Raikkonen secures pole

HOCKENHEIM, Germany—McLaren's world championship challenger Kimi Raikkonen secured his first pole in six races with a dominant performance in qualifying for the German Grand Prix here Saturday.

The Finn, lying 26 points behind title leader Fernando Alonso, has missed out on top spot through penalties in the last two qualifying sessions but fortune finally favored him this time.

McLaren has dominated the weekend so far, setting the fastest time in all four practice sessions with Raikkonen every time he has been on track.

But the omens are still not good for Raikkonen, who has suffered engine failures in practice for the last two races, because he has never reached the finish in all four German Grands Prix he has entered.

Briton Jenson Button will start Sunday's race from the front row after securing the second fastest time after Juan Pablo Montoya crashed on the final lap of the session.

Montoya will now start from the back of the grid.

AFP

Hawks sustain record streak

By Marc Anthony Reyes

UNIVERSITY of Manila may have undergone drastic changes in its lineup, but its deadly reputation remains intact.

The Hawks underscored their status as the team to beat in the National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities men's basketball tournament with a resounding 86-70 triumph over Centro Escolar University yesterday at the Cuneta Astrodome.

The win extended the historic unbeaten run of the Hawks to 73 games.

The only holdouts from last year's team—Ryan Regalado and Richard Litonjua—asserted their leadership under coach Ato Tolentino, who gave up a chance to defend the NCAA title of the Philippine Christian U Dolphins to concentrate on a fourth straight title for the Hawks.

The 5-foot-9 point guard Regalado fired six three-pointers to score a game-high 30 points. Litonjua contributed 20 points.

In the second game, New Era University, flashing deadly form under new coach Adonis Tierra, blasted Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, 74-62.

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Knicks talk to Brown

NEW YORK—Larry Brown and Isiah Thomas sat together for four hours, their first face-to-face meeting to discuss whether the 64-year-old Brown is healthy enough and interested enough to become coach of the New York Knicks.

The meeting took place Thursday night in eastern Long Island, and the sides plan to speak again soon.

"They had very positive conversations and are going to continue to talk," Knicks spokesperson Joe Favorito said Friday.

Thomas waited patiently while the saga of Brown's departure from the Detroit Pistons played out, and Brown is clearly his choice to take over leadership of a rebuilding franchise that's been mediocre at best during the past several seasons.

"If I'm speaking to them, I obviously have an interest," Brown said at a children's basketball clinic he conducted Thursday, according to several media reports. "But my concern is what is best for my family and if I can do it mentally."

Brown would be coaching his eighth NBA team if he takes over the Knicks, but he has expressed reservations in recent days about possibly nudging New York interim coach Herb Williams out of a job. *AP*

Lance pon

Armstrong's options:

ARMSTRONG: In firm control AFP

LE PUY-EN-VELAY, France—Lance Armstrong is in two minds: go flat out for his first individual stage win of the Tour de France this year and risk crashing, or play it safe knowing his rivals are probably too far behind to catch him on Saturday's penultimate day time trial?

The six-time Tour champion safely negotiated Friday's 19th stage through central France, coasting alongsid behind stage winr ni of Italy.

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In Friday's 19th stage, T-Mobile rider Guerini zoomed away from three other riders approaching the finish to win the 153.5-km (95.4-mile) trek from Issoire to Le Puy-en-Velay.

Guerini covered the route in 3 hours, 33 minutes and 4 seconds. Armstrong's group, which included Basso, Ullrich and Rasmussen, came in 4:31 later.

The stage win was the second of Guerini's Tour career. In his first, up the legendary Alpine climb to the Alpe d'Huez ski station in 1999, he recovered and won after smashing into a fan who was trying to get a close-up photograph of him. *AP*

Armstrong says life after cycling will be daunting

LE-PUY-EN-VELAY, France—Heated tennis matches with girlfriend Sheryl Crow. Having a beloved beer now and then, but watching the waistline. Playing with his children—and letting them win.

Lance Armstrong, who will retire Sunday as one of the most dominant, determined and hardworking athletes in history, isn't kidding when he calls these things "daunting."

"You have to respect the fact it's a new life," Armstrong said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I don't have a script for it."

Armstrong is expected to seal a historic seventh straight win after Sunday's final stage of the Tour de France. Now he is looking ahead to turning 34 in September and new horizons: everyday life, the fight against cancer and maybe—so far, it's still just a maybe—elected office.

"To me politics are about fighting for what you believe is right," he said Thursday. "I've always done that on the bike, on a purely sporting level, but also on another level."

Armstrong knows he has plenty of time to decompress and think it over.

"I'm 34 years old and I'm retired," Armstrong said. "So that is a little daunting. There's a lot of life to live.

"Of course I am a little nervous about what you do, what fills your day," he added. "I will miss day-in, day-out competition. The reality is that I don't ever have to work again, which is a nice reality. But that's not my character. My character is to work and to be goal-oriented."

Armstrong's life has revolved around the Tour since his first win in 1999. A testicular cancer survivor, Armstrong will continue to fight the disease in his post-cycling career, which will also include advising Johan Bruyneel's Discovery Channel team.

He'll also have more free time with his rock star girlfriend.

"Sheryl and I play different sports in the winter," he said. "One of the first things we ever played was tennis and she had me down three-love, and I was so mad. I came back, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, and she stopped talking. I ended up beating her, 6-4."

"We have swimming races and stuff. I give her a head start and I have to win. Unless I'm playing my kids. Then they can win every time." *AP*

Roddick ousted in upset

INDIANAPOLIS—Robby Ginepri got the advantage of disputed line call and fought off two match points to rally for a 4-6, 7-6 (2), 7-5 victory Friday over top-seeded Andy Roddick in the RCA Championships.

Ginepri will play 10th-seeded Karol Beck of Germany in one of Saturday's semifinals. Beck advanced by beating George Bastl of Switzerland, 6-4, 7-5.

Roddick, two-time defending champion of the tournament and the ATP's fourth-ranked player, held a 40-15 lead with Ginepri serving in the 10th game of the third set.

But Ginepri, who was 0-6 against Roddick, staved off two match points to pull even, then gained the advantage with a passing shot from the net.

He then hit a 129-kph (80-mph) serve down the right side, and Roddick watched it skip by, expecting an out call. But when there was no call, Roddick dropped his racket and argued with the sideline judge and the umpire. *AP*

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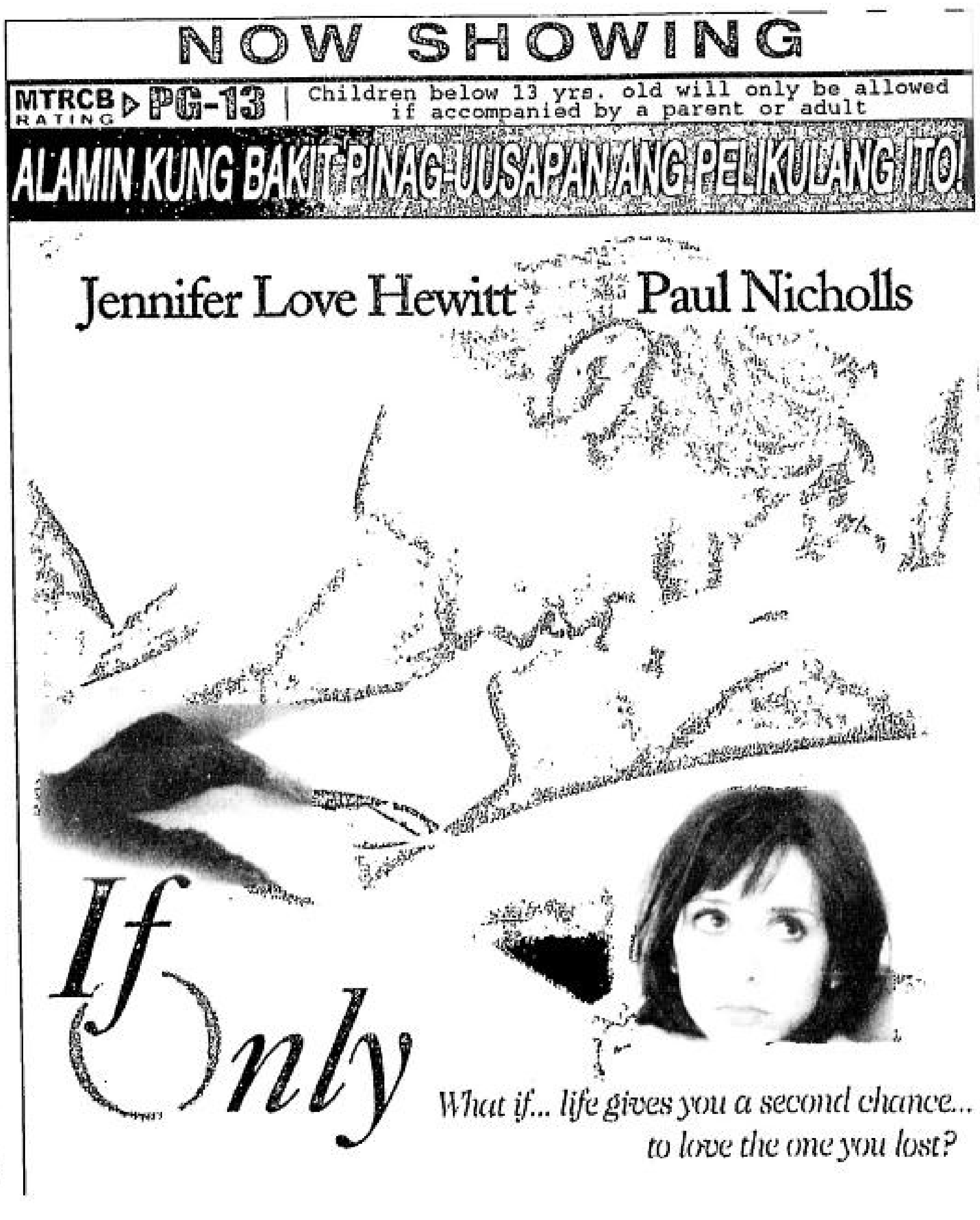

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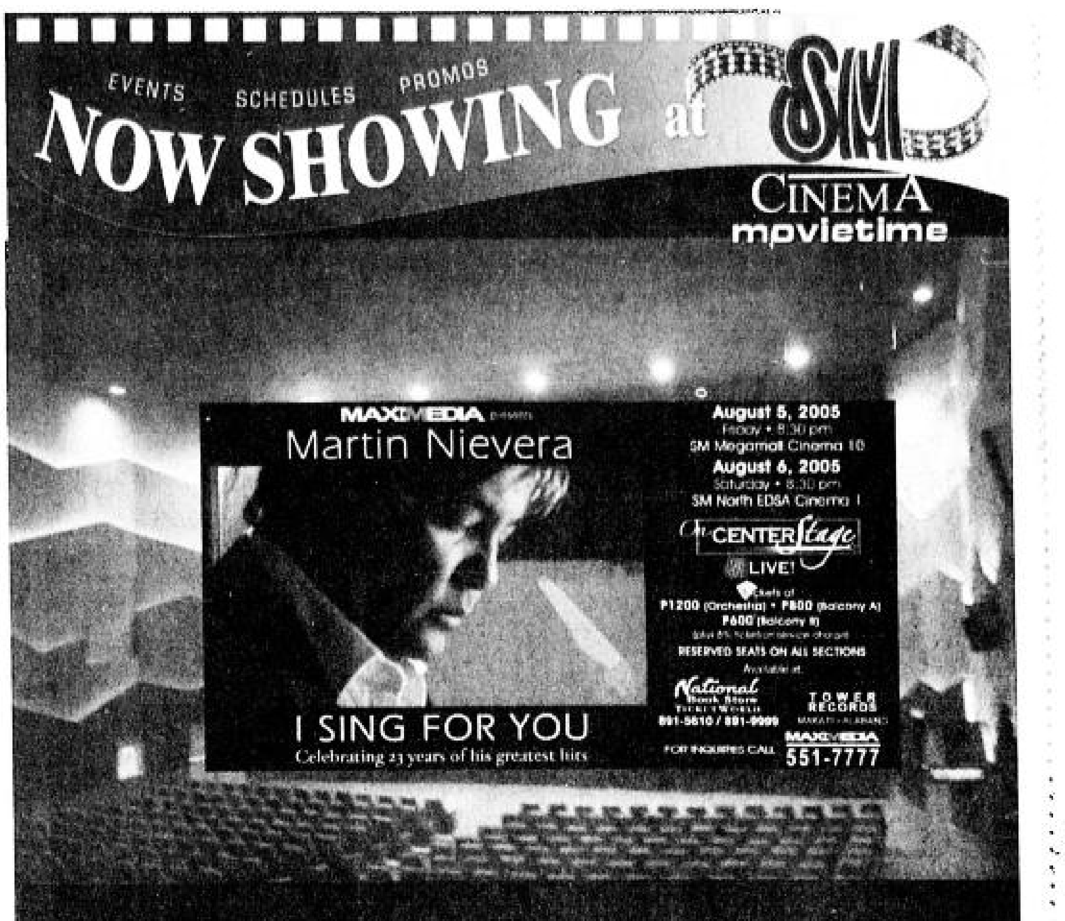

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Taiwanese trounce RP Bronco squad

GAME TODAY (*Sto. Niño Baseball Grounds*)
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TEAM Philippines ran into a big-hitting Chinese-Taipei squad yesterday and absorbed a 15-3 loss that stymied the hosts' bid for an outright finals slot in the 2005 Asia Pacific Zone Bronco Baseball Championship at the Sto. Niño Baseball Grounds in Marikina City.

The Taiwanese came into the game in superb form unlike in their 7-4 victory over Marikina City in an exhibition game Friday. They belted 10 hits that netted five runs in the second inning.

The Filipinos, who shocked the Japanese, 7-2, Friday, sneaked in three runs—two in the second and one in the third.

But that proved to be the closest the hosts could get as the Taiwanese, who topped last year's event held in Beijing, China, piled up runs with a slew of hits that disappointed the huge crowd.

"We expected the Taiwanese to play well, but we didn't expect this to be a rout," said RP team coach Lito Ordone in Filipino.

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MOTOR SPORTS: 2005 F1 German Grand Prix Qualifying; 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (r); Race Day; 7 p.m.; STAR Sports–Can Shumey win in his home country.

CYCLING: Tour de France Stage 20; 3 p.m.; ESPN–Can Lance Armstrong retire with a victory ride on the Champs Elysees?

BASKETBALL: NBA Summer League; 8 a.m. (r-6:30 p.m.); Solar Sports–Cleveland takes on Portland.

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BEACH VOLLEY: Monica Aleta will be among those coming back in the third leg of the 2005 Petron Ladies Beach Volleyball Tournament when it blasts off on July 30 and 31 at the Baywalk near the Manila Yacht Club.

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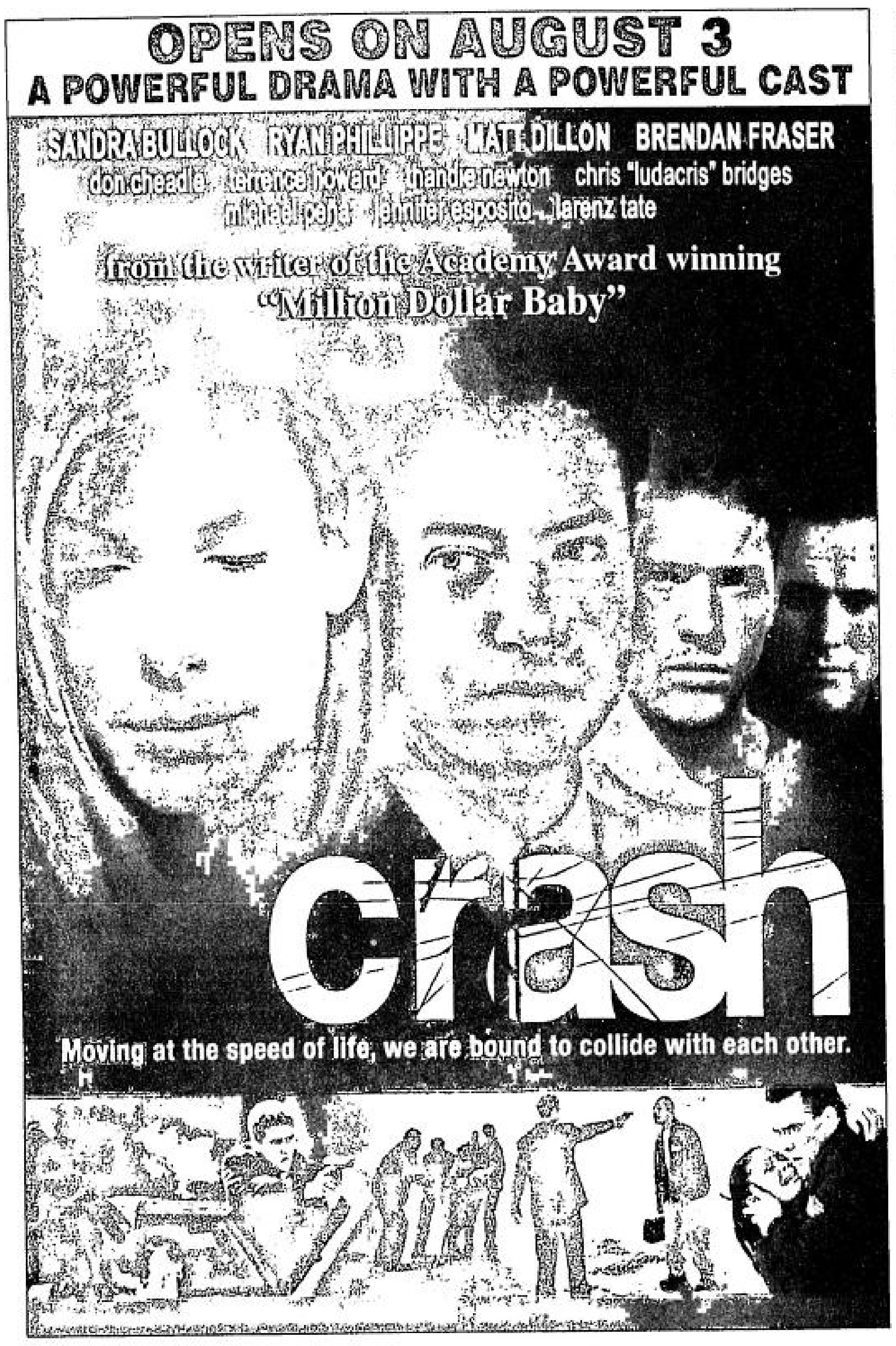
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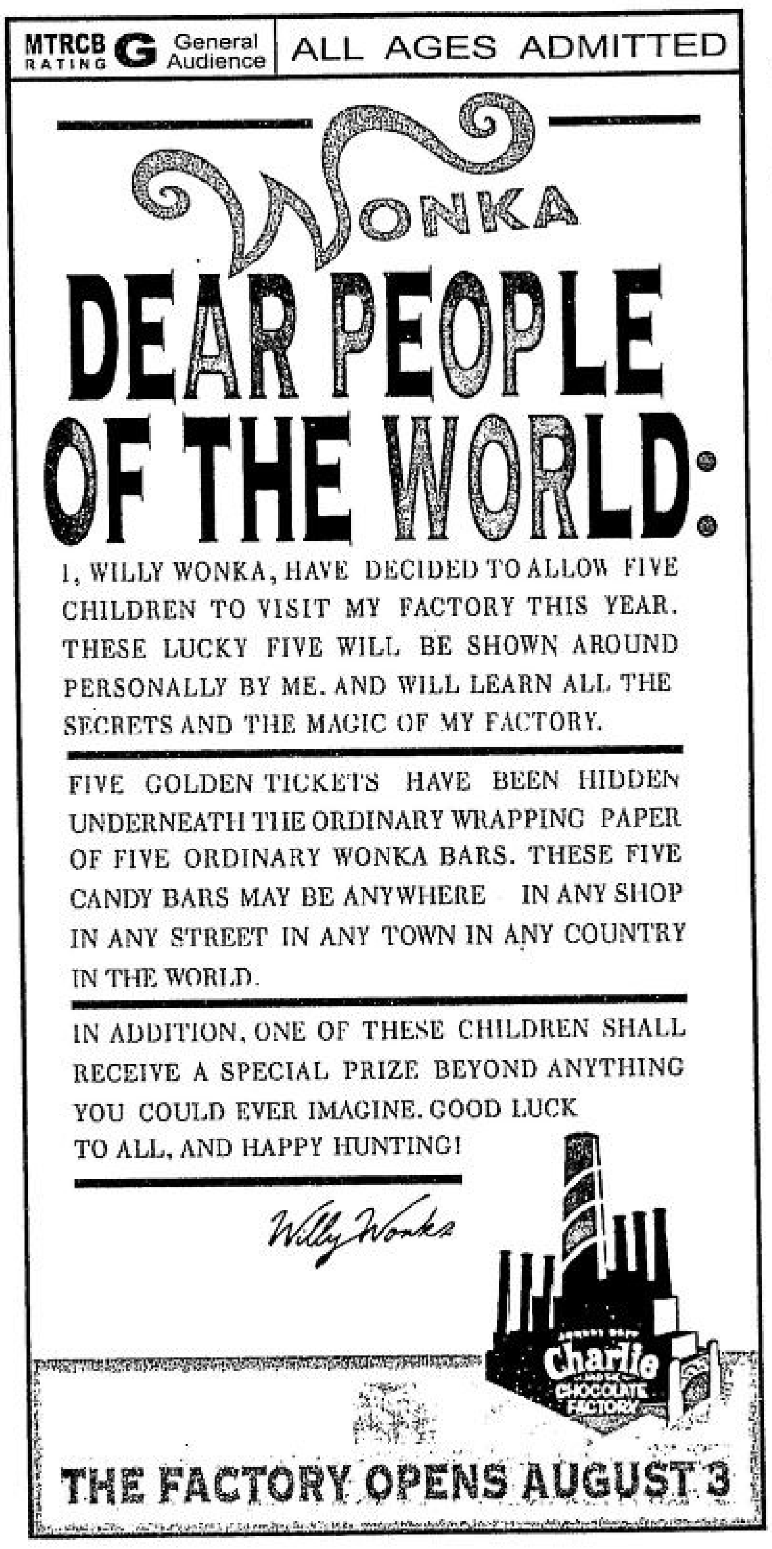
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THE FACTORY OPENS AUGUST 3

Arevalo, 6, reaps junior golf honors

JUST six years old and oblivious to what is really going on in the world, Abegail Arevalo quietly returned home at dawn on Tuesday.

She arrived after a 16-hour plane ride from San Diego in the United States, less than 48 hours after finishing second in the six-under division of the Junior World Golf championships.

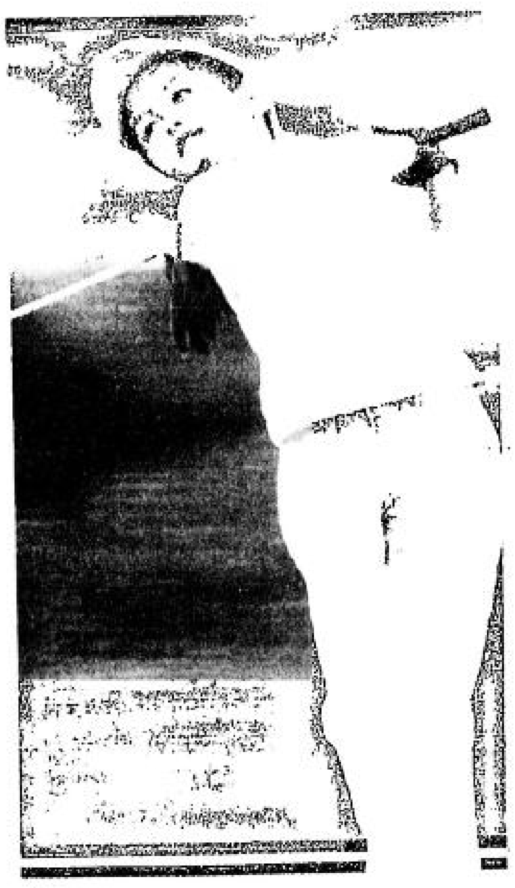
Helping dad Tony unpack later, Abby picked the little things she planned to give as presents to her classmates and teachers at Southville International, where no one initially recognized the enormity of what she had just achieved.

"Second place in the world is not at all bad," said father Tony. "She showed some emotion after failing to gain ground and eventually losing. Still, it was surprising for someone as young as she is."

Abby won a string of 11 tournaments after having spent most of last year working on her golf game under the strict guidance of her dad. The father-daughter tandem almost hit the jackpot at the par-54 Colina Park last week.

A big American girl named Claire Hodges, who was not in the field last year, won the Class F plum by seven shots over Abby, who sputtered on the final day because of poor putting.

"The American had a huge advantage in size and power," Tony said. "But we never gave up with the thought of bringing honor to the Philippines in mind."



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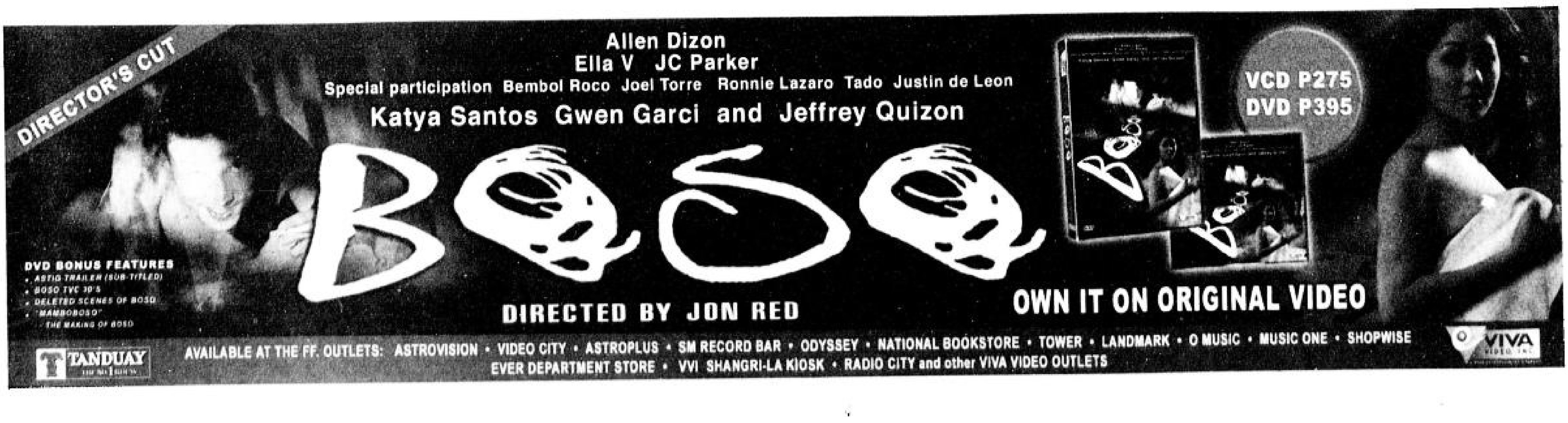
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Isinbayeva rips pole vault mark

ISINBAYEVA clears five meters in the pole vault to break the world record during the Crystal Palace athletics Grand Prix. AP

LONDON—Russian Yelena Isinbayeva pole vaulted into the history books at the London Super Grand Prix on Friday when she became the first woman to break the five-meter barrier.

But while the Russian golden girl was setting her sights on going even higher, there was abject misery for world 100m record holder Asafa Powell who pulled up injured in his sprint showdown with Olympic champion Justin Gatlin.

The American stormed to victory in 9.89 seconds while Jamaica's Powell was left collapsed on the Crystal Palace track after just 10 meters.

He was left feeling a groin injury which puts a huge question mark over his participation at the world championships in Helsinki which start in two weeks' time. *AFP*

San Miguel-Powerade enters masters finals

SAN MIGUEL-Powerade and Philippine Star barged into the masters finals of the 2005 Sportshouse Corporate Cup Invitational Badminton tournament after posting contrasting wins in the crossover semifinals Friday night at the SM Megamall.

Powerade's first ladies and men's doubles players survived their tough opponents as the team escaped with a 3-2 victory over Advance Solutions, Inc.

Marga Tan and Raquel Uy lost the first set to Kat Anasco and Lyka Leonor, 10-15, but took the next two sets to prevail, 17-15, 15-5, while Malvin Alcala and Rocky Magnaye also fought back from a first-set loss to conquer Nonoy Aguilar and Winnie Albo, 16-17, 15-12, 15-9.

Powerade, which booked a championship ticket after Judy Lim and Liza Martinez won their second ladies singles match over Mia Legaspi and Angel Yu, 15-7, 15-5, did not play the remaining two matches.

Philippine Star, which advanced to the semis with a 3-0 win-loss record, demolished 105.1 Crossover-Alabang Country Club, 5-0. Analyn Delgado and Maan Leynes downed Ui Mendoza and Mariel Tiangco, 15-11, 15-8, in the first ladies doubles, Rodolfo Gutierrez and Alex Cuevas rallied past Paul Martinez and JV Madrid in the first men's doubles, 15-3, 13-15, 15-7, Jhona Magnaye and Marife Duran outplayed Francesca Lee and Thea Cordero in the second ladies doubles, 17-15, 15-8, Brandon Chan and Miguel Belmonte defeated Nonoy Campos and Fisher Chua in the second men's doubles, 15-9, 15-7, while Melody Villaceran and Rodil Sertan beat John Campos and Casey Ang-Siy in the mixed doubles, 15-7, 15-9.

In the second Mars Cup all-trainers event, defending singles champion Edward Namoco beat Jonathan de Vera, 10-15, 15-3, 17-16.

Espiritu cagefest on today

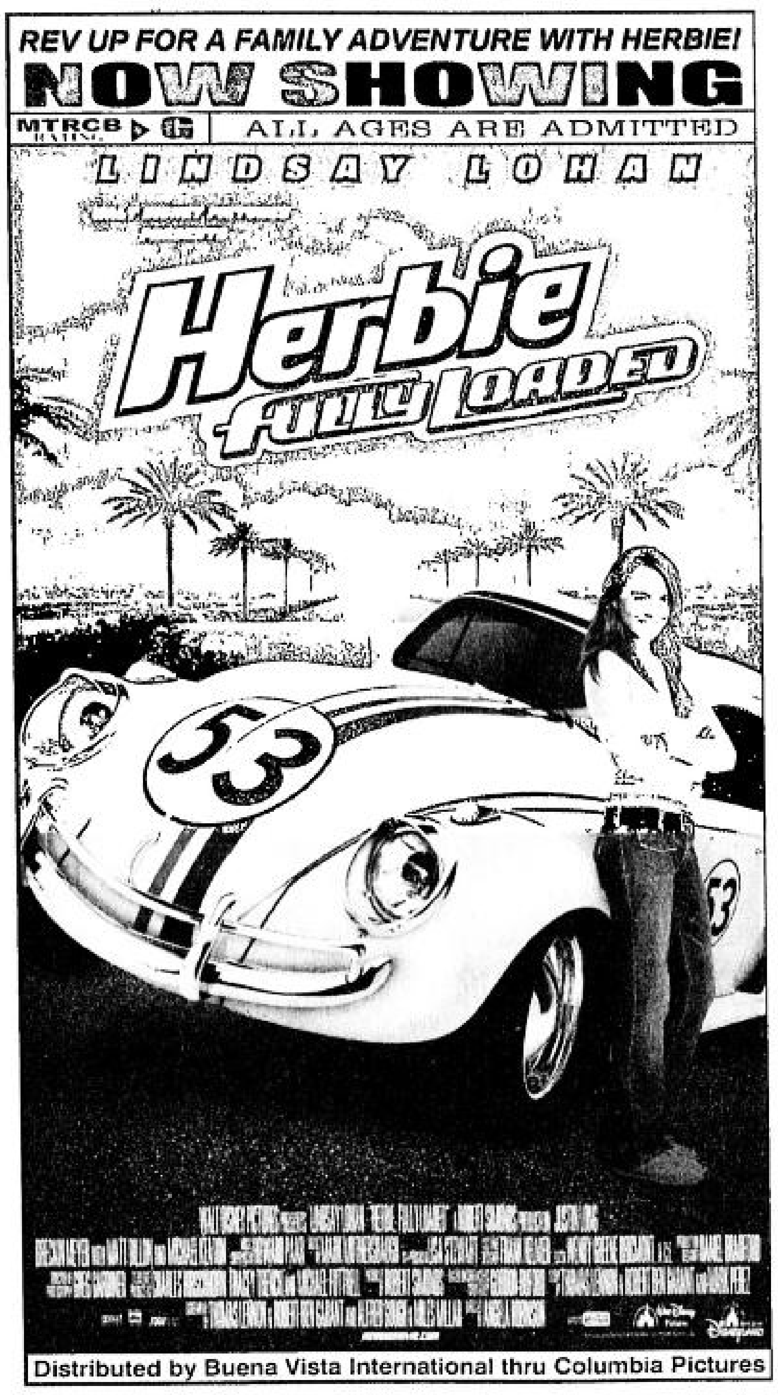
THE 9TH Danny Espiritu Cup basketball tournament unwraps today with a doubleheader at the Washington gym in Makati City.

It will be the Makati Stars against Pamplona-Plantation at 1 p.m. and San Sebastian Recoletos-Cavite against Bacoor Vice Mayor Edwin Malvar's Cavite-Far Eastern Insurance at 4 p.m.

"More teams and more new promising players will see action in this year's tournament," said popular player agent Danny Espiritu. "I expect to see the emergence of new talents."

Other teams which have signed up are Mediatrix, Homer Go, Sta. Rosa Laguna and the KSK Food Products (Boy Bawang)-backed Parañaque Jets of Vice Mayor Anjo Yllana.

The tourney being held in cooperation with the National Basketball Conference (NBC) is supported by San Miguel, Air21, Healthy Options, Fantastic KTV, General Milling Corp., Spring Cooking Oil and Prime Channel.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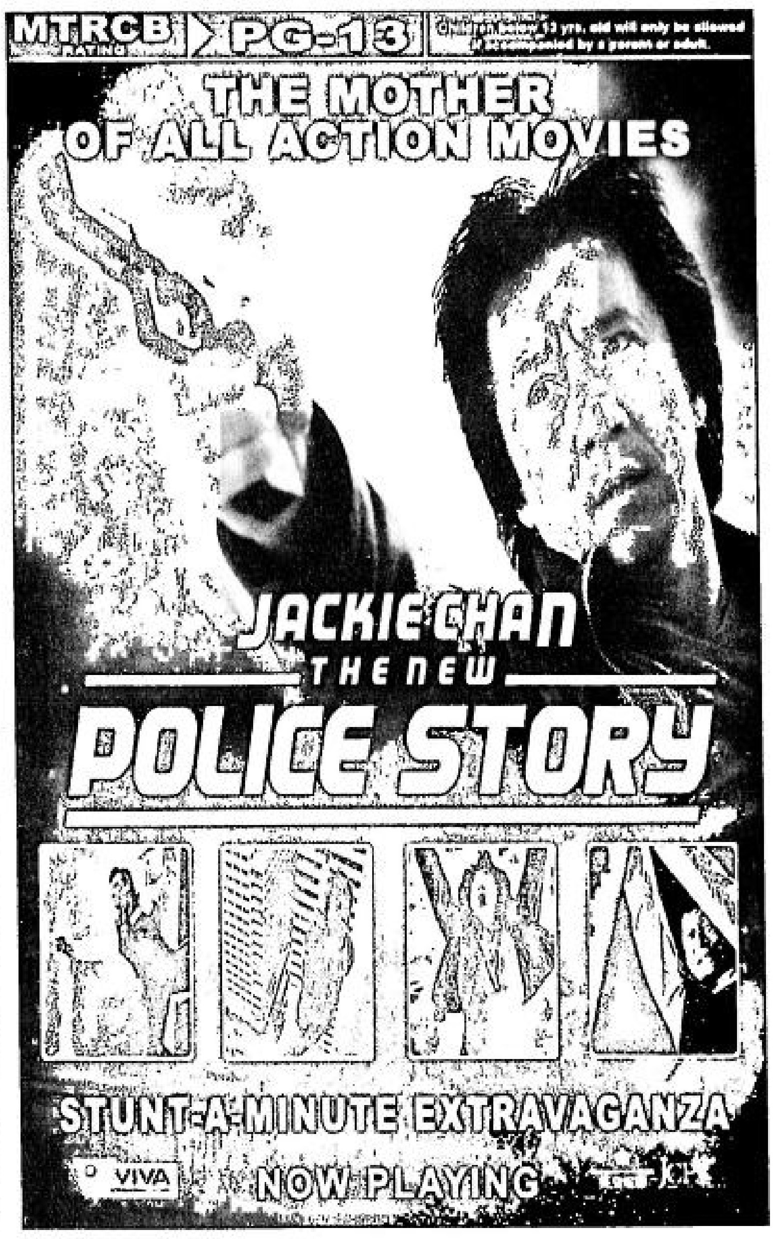
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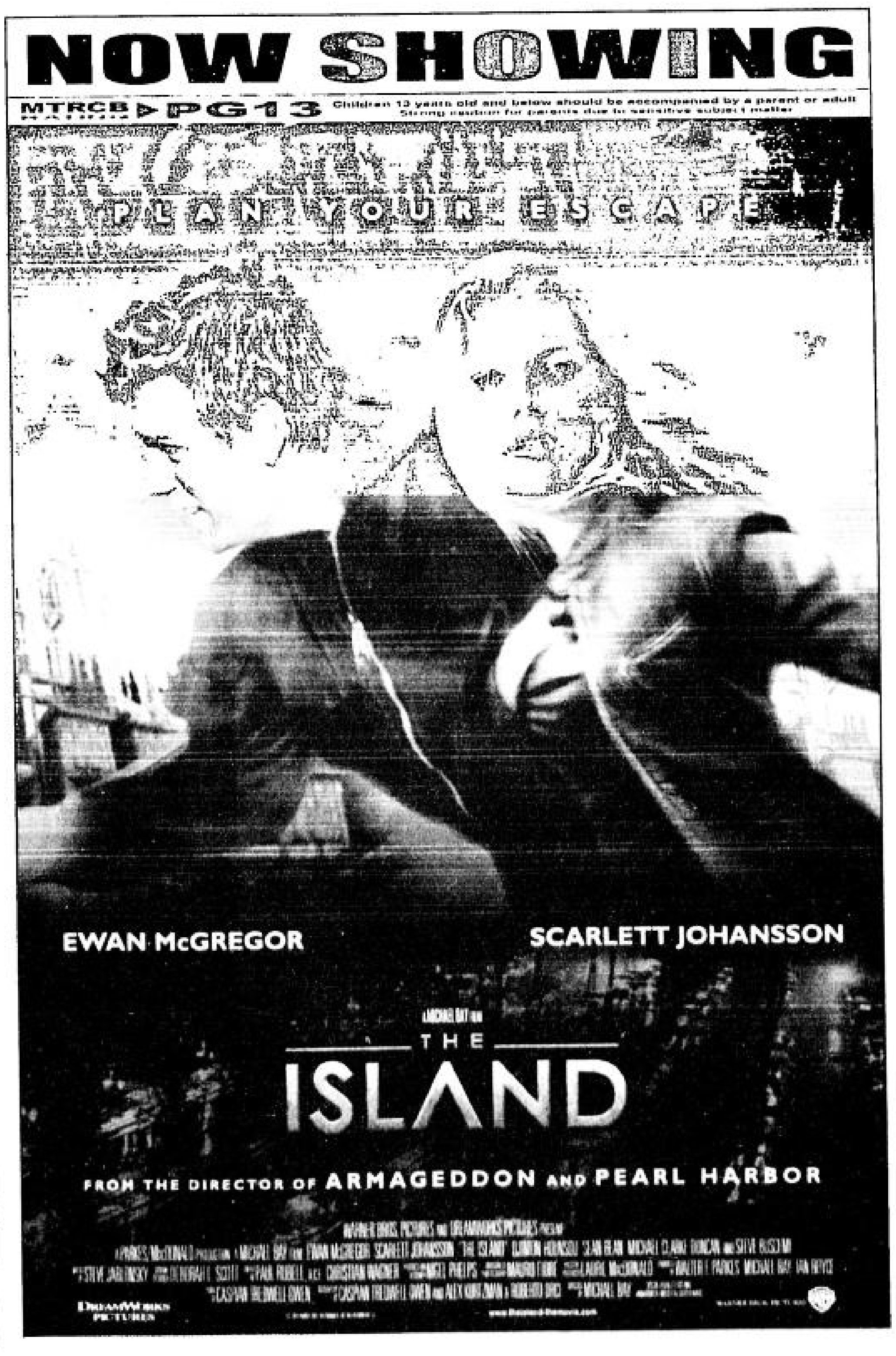
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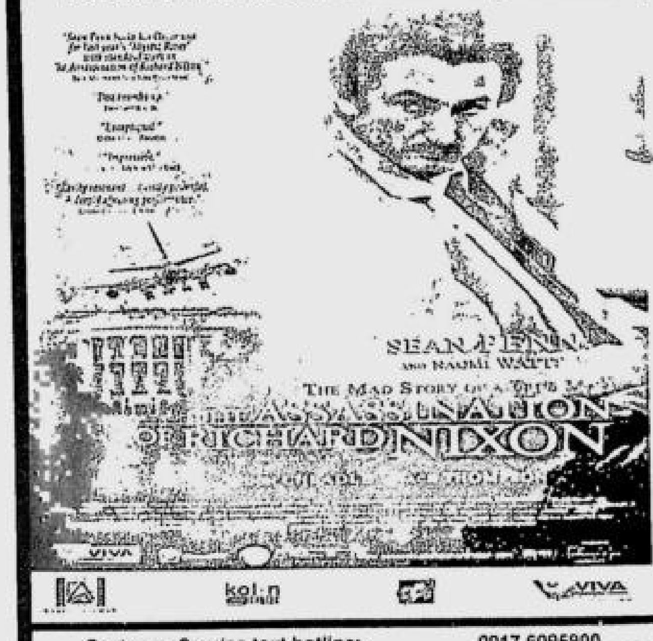
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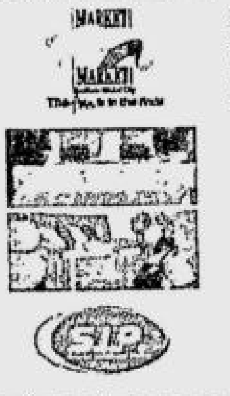

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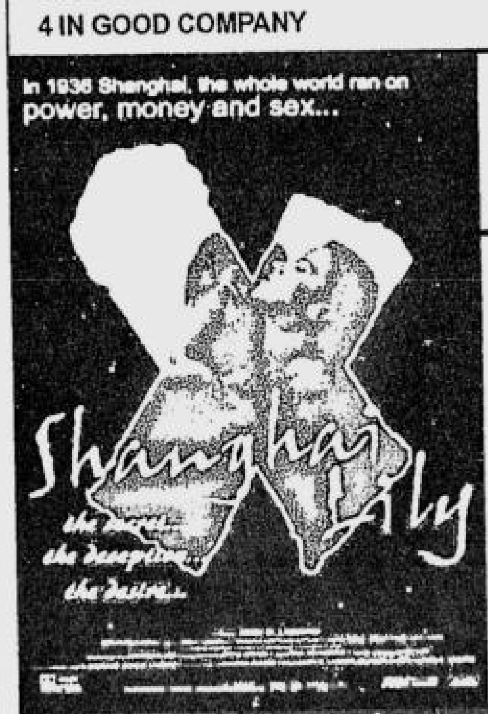

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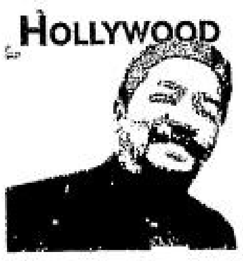
Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn find Christopher Walken 'all good'

… and give tips on crashing wedding receptions: 'You walk in like you own the joint, really loud, front and center'

CHRISTOPHER Walken appears with Jane Seymour in the movie "Wedding Crashers."



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Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—The late INQUIRER Entertainment editor **Louie Camino** would have loved to hear this.

Christopher Walken's eyes lit up when I told him that Louie, who passed away last February, had been his biggest fan. Christopher fell into a brief respectful pause and said, "Thank you. I am very touched to hear that."

When I asked the great actor if he was aware that there were websites devoted to him, where fans (as rabid as Louie had been) logged on for the latest Christopher Walken news, articles and trivia, he admitted, "I don't have a computer. I don't even know how to work one. I know that there are websites. Sometimes, if I need something on the Internet, there's somebody who gets it for me and prints it out."

Christopher wore a pinstriped shirt with a black shirt underneath and combed his hair in that trademark look of his, as if he had been electrocuted. (He taught me how to achieve that look when I last interviewed him.)

The Oscar Best Supporting Actor winner (for "The Deer Hunter," 1978) sat down for this latest chat for "Wedding Crashers." The movie is about two guys, played by **Owen Wilson** and **Vince Vaughn** who, well, crash into strangers' wedding receptions to meet and bed women. It is a comedy that dares to be raunchy, a refreshing change in these times that seem to be going alarmingly conservative.

Christopher beamed again when I asked about his own wedding (to **Georgianne Walken**, a casting agent). "It was a long time ago," said the actor. "I was very nervous. I don't remember that much … I do remember that the weather was terrible. It was January in New York. There was ice on the sidewalk."

Trite expression

Since he plays a father (not just any daddy—he portrays the US Secretary of Treasury) in the film, Christopher was asked if he had any regrets about not having kids. "No," came the firm reply. "Everybody thinks that I must have but . . . no, I don't. I'm glad I don't have children (laughter). I have brothers and they have plenty of children. They come to my house and I am always glad when they leave (laughter)."

Since actors relish the chance to work with the Great Wan (as Louie had called his idol) and usually end up with their favorite working-with-Walken anecdotes, I asked Owen Wilson for his story.

Owen narrated: "There's an expression, 'It's all good,' that you hear people here in America, including teenagers, say. I find it very irritating. In fact, in 'Zoolander,' we made fun of that expression by saying, 'It's not all good; it's bad.' But whenever Christopher Walken said 'It's all good' during filming—and sometimes also off-camera—he had such a unique delivery that I began to re-examine the expression. I went, that really is a profound thing to say. I can't do it in Christopher Walken's voice but he has a way of making the most trite expression sound original (laughter)."

I also asked Owen to recall the most memorable wedding he had attended. "I was the best man at my older brother's wedding," he recounted. "It was a beautiful ceremony in Washington, DC. The marriage lasted about nine months (laughter). Hey, at least they tried, right? I started to think that maybe I was a jinx because I attended another wedding. That marriage didn't make the one-year barrier, either. Although I went to Ben Stiller's wedding and he and his wife are still happily married."

Is one of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors ever going to get married? "I hope so," Owen stated. "At a certain point, it starts to get a little bit ridiculous. You don't want to be the last guy at the party. I've had a good run (laughter). At a certain point, I've got to push away from the buffet and say, enough is enough (laughter). Enough of the unlimited trips to the all-you-can-eat buffet."

Clearing obstacles

The blonde actor with the interesting nose claimed that he usually knew within "a couple of seconds" if a date was going to lead to a walk down the aisle.

He clarified: "But even if you're attracted to a person, there are other obstacles you have to clear. I went on a date one time. We went to the movies. When we walked back to the car, I was talking. I opened my car door and I was already in the car, still talking, when I went, where is she?

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Marita's memories

CLOCKWISE from top left: With partner Lou Salvador Jr., in a Salazar glamour portrait, in "Limang Dalangin," and in "Si Marita at Pitong Duwende"

She was LVN's singing sweetheart, was dubbed 'Marisa Pavan of the Philippines,' and almost did a movie with Neil Sedaka

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
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Additional photos courtesy of Marita Zobel

ALTHOUGH most martial-law babies may know her only as the quintessential onscreen mom to today's superstars, she was once a singing sweetheart and LVN's own Sharon and Regine combined.

Marita Zobel, however, kept her singing prowess a secret from producer Narcisa de Leon, whom she affectionately called Lola Sisang. The Grand Dame found out after catching the teener's old radio show "A Date With Marita." (She was a regular on two other radio shows—"Jumbo Jamboree," with Leila Benitez, and "Kulang sa Pito," with Dolphy and Panchito.) "After she heard me on the radio, she inserted song numbers in all my movies, even the dramatic ones," Marita recalls. "She asked me to sing the theme of 'Tanglaw sa Dilim.'

SHE was also a magazine columnist.

IN HER son Paul's home

She also waxed 45s for the Mareco label of Villar Records.

"I had duets with Diomedes Maturan, my partner in several movies," she relates. "We did Christmas tunes. I also had solo records. My biggest hit was 'Ako'y Iniwan Mo,' which featured narration by Eddie Ilarde, the host of the radio show 'Dear Kuya Eddie' then."

Her record with Kuya Eddie was a chartbuster; her friends started calling her "Jukebox Queen."

In fact, Doña Sisang was so convinced of Marita's potential that she cooked up a possible pairing with Hollywood singer-actor Neil Sedaka. "That didn't push through," Marita sighs. "Instead, Lola Sisang asked me to sing 'Little Christmas Tree' onscreen. It was like an early version of today's music videos and it was shown abroad."

Hollywood could've been her next destination. After all she went by another moniker, "Marisa Pavan of the Philippines." Pavan was the star of "The Rose Tattoo" and the sister of another stunner, Pier Angeli.

"Chona Sandoval was known as the Pier Angeli of the Philippines," Marita recalls. "Since Chona and I looked like sisters, they called us Pier and Marisa."

Adopted Salvador

Chona, daughter of the legendary Lou Salvador Sr., became Marita's best friend and Marita was considered an adopted member of the oft-extended Salvador clan. In fact, Lou Sr., whom she called Papang, was her discoverer and it was Lou Sr.'s son Leroy Salvador who christened her Marita Zobel.

In 1957, she recalls, LVN mounted a contest: "The Search for the Good Girl for the "Bad Boy."

Producers wanted a fresh face to star with Lou Salvador Jr. in his big movie "Bad Boy." The original Bad Boy of Pinoy movies, Lou Jr. was dubbed "James Dean of the Philippines."

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She stayed outside the car, waiting for me to open the door. She shamed me. I was embarrassed because then I had to get out, go over and open the door. I actually took her home right after that. It's one thing to hold the door open for someone when you're going in some place but you don't always have to, like getting into a car. That begins to get a little corny. This girl was a burlesque dancer."

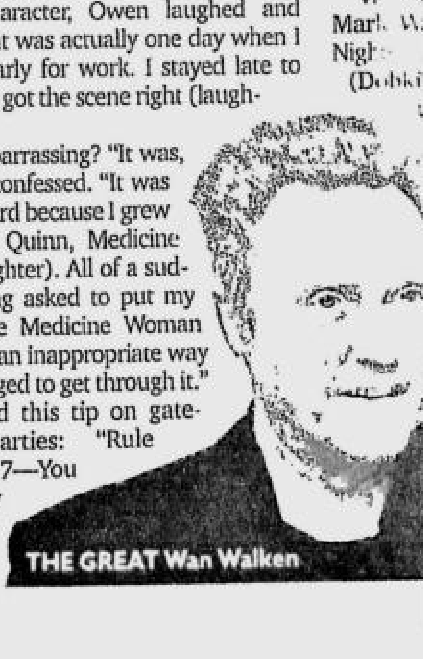
Of course a reporter had to ask how he got involved with a burlesque dancer! "I thought she was pretty," he said in that familiar nasal voice and smiled. "I met her through a friend."

Embarrassing

On filming a scene where Jane Seymour, Dr. Quinn, becomes Mrs. Robinson who seduces his character, Owen laughed and quipped, "That was actually one day when I showed up early for work. I stayed late to make sure we got the scene right (laughter)."

Was it embarrassing? "It was, actually," he confessed. "It was a little awkward because I grew up with 'Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman' (laughter). All of a sudden, I'm being asked to put my hands on the Medicine Woman (laughter) in an inappropriate way but we managed to get through it."

He offered this tip on gatecrashing parties: "Rule number 17—You blend in by sticking out. You



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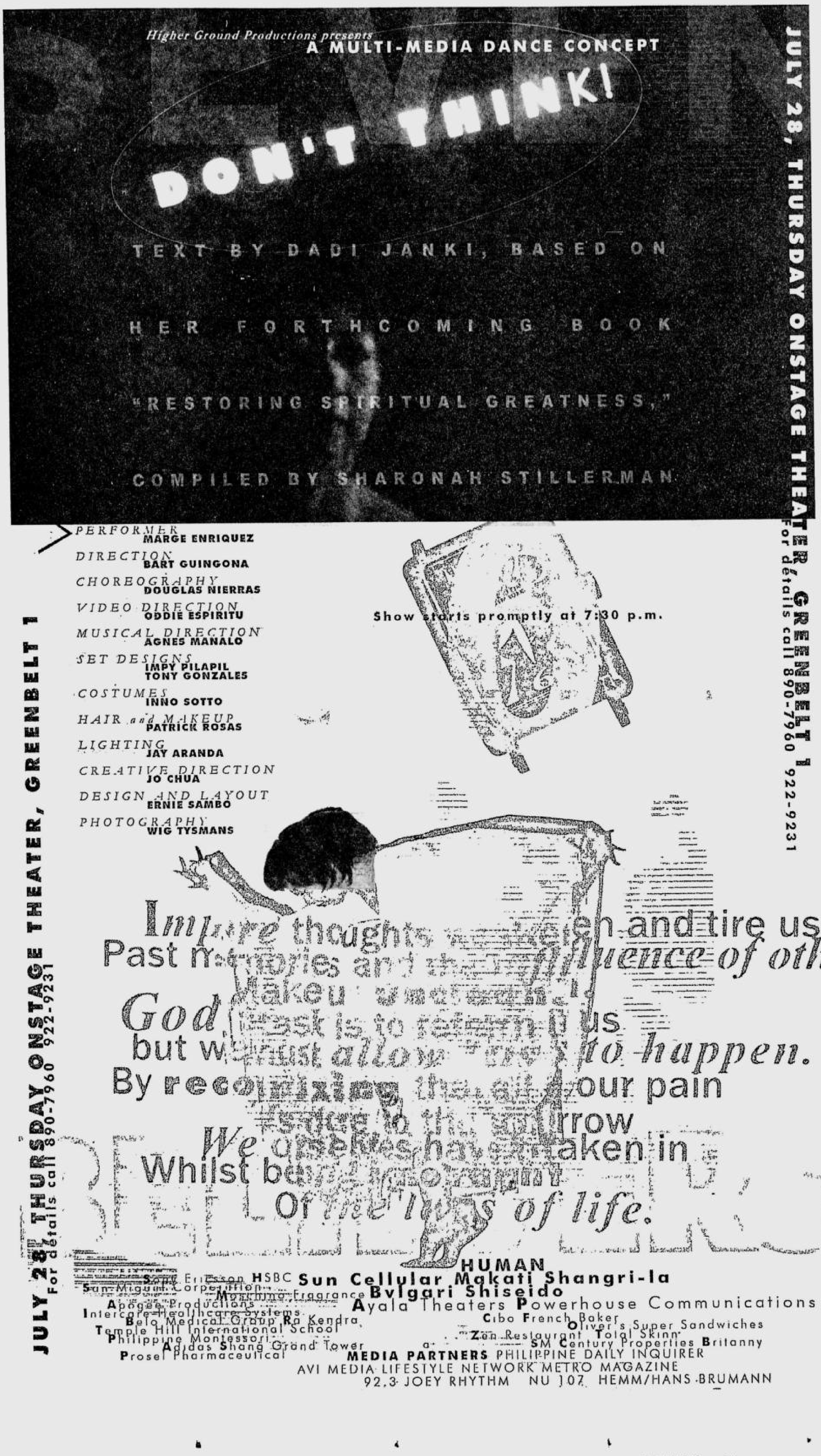

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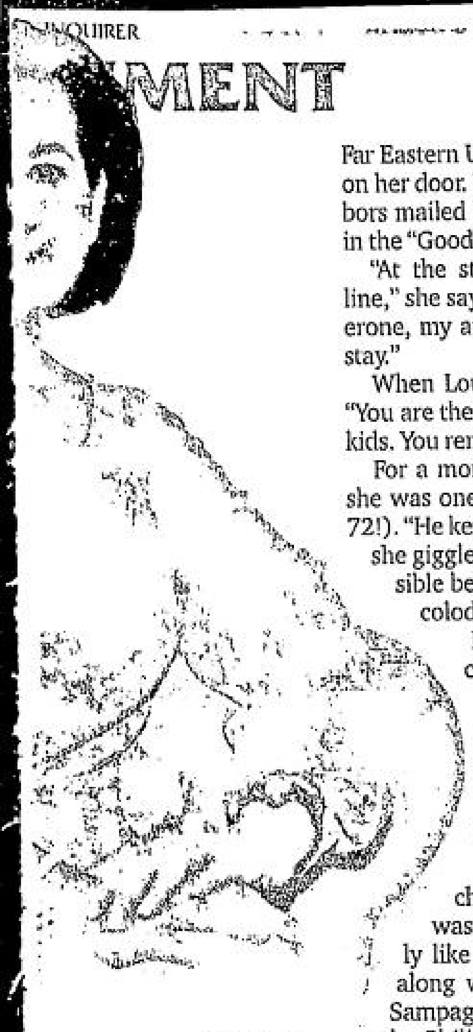

Far Eastern University when show biz knocked on her door. Unknown to her, one of her neighbors mailed her photo to LVN and entered her in the "Good Girl" talent quest.

"At the studio, 300 girls were waiting in line," she says. "I wanted to quit. But my chaperone, my aunt Inday Ellen, persuaded me to stay."

When Lou Sr. saw Marita, he was certain: "You are the one! You could pass for one of my kids. You remind me of Chona."

For a moment there, he actually suspected she was one of his long-lost children (around 72!). "He kept asking me who my mother was," she giggles. "I assured him that it wasn't possible because we were originally from Bacolod."

Lou Jr. also fell under Marita's charms—on and off the set. "He was my first boyfriend," she admits. "We were only 18—so my aunt was always watching over us!"

Her crushes

She describes Lou Jr. as "mischievous," a typical Salvador, "but he was a good actor. And he looked exactly like James Dean, who was my crush, along with Rock Hudson. At that time, Sampaguita had the 'Rock Hudson of the Philippines,' Lito Legazpi, under contract."

YESTERDAY

After doing teenybopper movies with Lou Jr. and musicals with Diomedes, Marita graduated to drama, the most memorable of which was "Biyaya ng Lupa," directed by Manuel Silos.

Although the movie was one that made tears flow, the set in San Pablo was brimming with joy.

"Every day the local folks would gift us with sacks of lanzones," she remembers. "So sweet, the lanzones were crawling with ants!" Among her co-stars in the classic were Leroy and Tony Santos Sr., notorious pranksters on the LVN lot.

"They kept teasing our director Manuel," she says, laughing. "How I pitied him because he was a serious man. They referred to their jokes as 'good time.'"

IA in "Tang-Tarang-Tang"

Of course, Marita wasn't spared from the cariño brutal.

"The studio rented a house for us in the province," she says. "The boys knew that my auntie accompanied me everywhere—even the bathroom. Once, Leroy playfully peeked into the bathroom window."

Although he assured her that it was just a joke (and that he didn't see a thing; only her spinster-aunt!), Marita was livid.

"I rushed back to Manila and complained to Lola Sisang," she says. "I was crying buckets, but I noticed that Lola was trying to stop herself from laughing. It was then I realized that I fell for one of their practical jokes!"

m," with Luz Valdez and Robert

Famas thrill

Leroy's attempts at levity seemed to have inspired Marita to hold her own against more experienced co-stars Leroy, Tony, Joseph de Cordova, and the inimitable Rosa Rosal.

For her role as a rape victim, Marita got her first Best Supporting Actress nomination from the Famas in 1960. Although Marlene Dauden won "by just one vote" (for "Anino ni Bathala"), Marita still enjoyed every minute of Famas night.

a," with Leroy Salvador, Rosa Rosal, Danilo Jurado and Manuel Solis

"Vividly, I remember what I was wearing," she says. "A midnight blue spaghetti-strap chiffon dress."

SINGING Christmas carols with Lou Salvador Jr., Luz Valdez and Lourdes Medel

She has always been quite a fashion plate. "When I was in high school, I designed my own clothes," she volunteers. "I watched all of Gloria Romero's movies and at home, I sketched her dresses and asked my aunt Inday Ellen to make them for me! I also copied Gloria's hairstyles."

The teen star wrote a column for a fan magazine, discussing her favorite topics—fashion, music, and movies.

After only four years and 26 movies with LVN, Marita retired following her wedding to businessman Reynaldo Roxas on Dec. 20, 1961. While raising six children (Reynaldo Jr., Raymond, Maricel, Robert, Marita, and Paul), she limited her appearances to ABS-CBN shows like "Tang-Tarang-Tang," with old LVN cohorts Pugo, Rosa Aguirre, Bentot, and Leroy. The beloved sitcom ran for seven years, until martial law was declared in 1972.

In 1980, she made a big-screen comeback (in Mario O'Hara's "Kastilyong Buhangin") because her kids were already grown up by then. (Her son Paul or Paolo Zobel joined ABS-CBN's Star Circle Batch 5 in 1998.)

For her most recent TV projects, she shuttled between GMA 7 ("Sana ay Ikaw na Nga") and ABS-CBN ("Ikaw ang Lahat sa Akin").

Just the same, she'd rather be known simply as Mrs. Roxas these days. She says, hollering, "I kid my friends that there is, in fact, a road in Makati named after me—Zobel-Roxas."

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nce Vaughn has a scene that inaughty activity under a table, he right away what was the most incident he had ever experienced al was in progress. "Never any-as exciting as in this movie," the S") actor cracked. As for his Chris ment, Vince also riffed about the with the phrase, "It's all good."

ars a prosthetic "appendage" a la lberg's Dirk Diggler in "Boogie miling, he volunteered, "David the movie's director) had someng built that was enormous, way beyond flattering to me (laughter). I was scared at first to say, this is a little too big because I didn't want him to go like, what are you talking about, that it's a little too big? But it was almost down to my ankles. We filmed a little bit with that but finally, I said, David, I believe you want to make an R-rated movie, not an X-rated movie. That thing was enormous (laughter) so it didn't really work. What you see in the movie is a double. They brought someone in (laughter)."

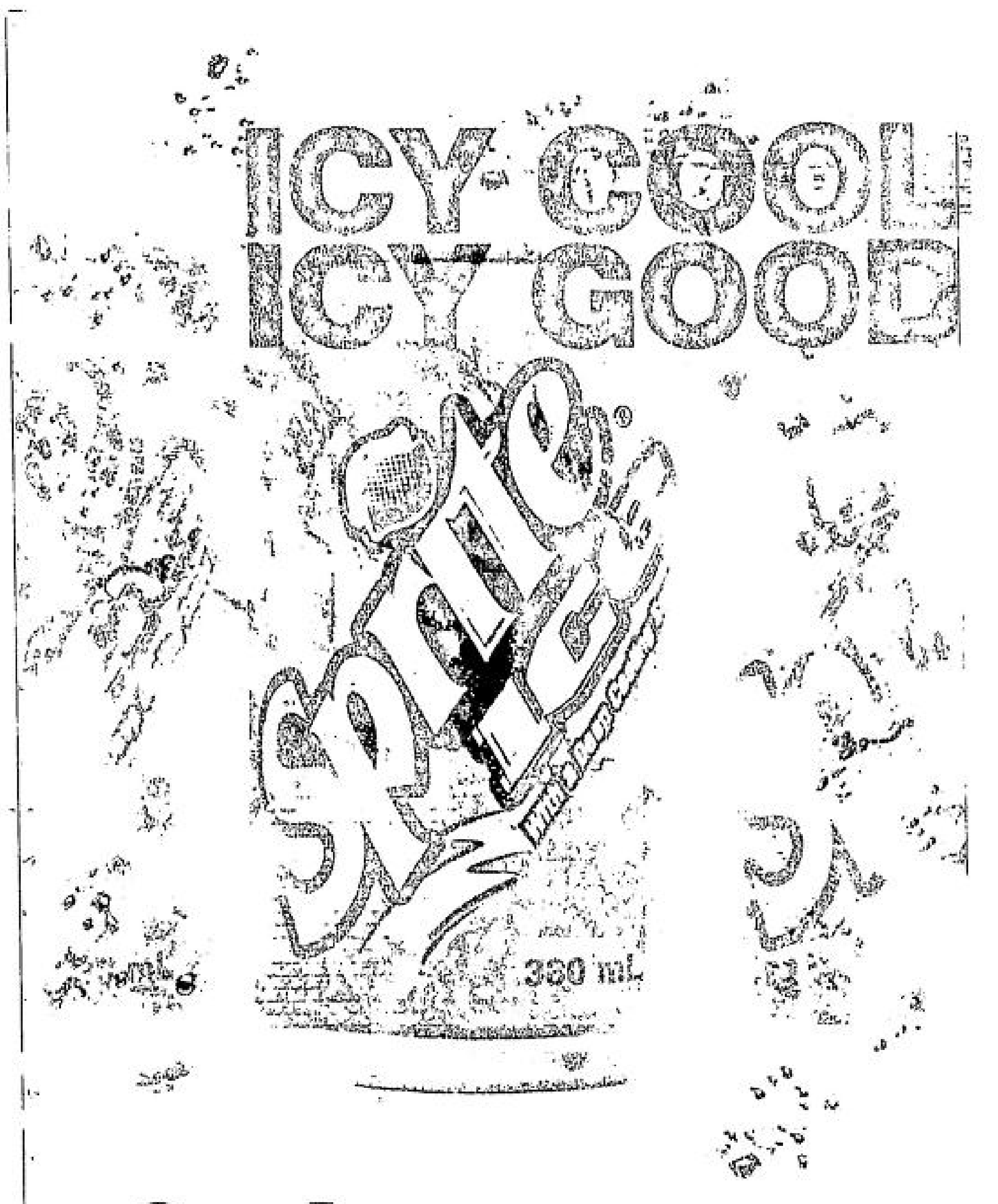
Graceful, playful

Rachel McAdams ("The Notebook") gladly offered her Chris Walken anecdote to me: "My first day of shooting was also my first day of working with Christopher Walken. Oh, my goodness! We were going to dance together (as father and daughter). I went out and rented 'Pennies from Heaven.' I couldn't resist saying to the guy at the video store that I needed movies with Christopher Walken dancing because I am going to dance with him on Monday (laughter). I wanted to be really well-prepared. Chris was amazing. He was so graceful and so playful. The thing people don't think about Chris is that he's actually a really jovial, playful guy. He likes to have a lot of fun."

Director David Dobkin had the final word on Mr. Walken: "Christopher approaches material from such an abstract space that you always double check yourself to make sure that when you give a direction, he understands it, that you're actually talking about the same thing. You have to make sure your adjectives are the right ones because he might interpret your instructions differently.

"Christopher based his character partially on **Ronald Reagan** as he was slowly losing his memory. So when he came walking down the aisle with his daughter (Rachel) at her wedding, he was smiling at her but he wasn't looking around. So I said, Christopher, your daughter is getting married, you're seeing the faces of people that you know. I said, you've got to be smiling and exuberant. He looked at me and said, 'With Alzheimer's?'"

(E-mail the columnist at rvnepales@yahoo.com.)



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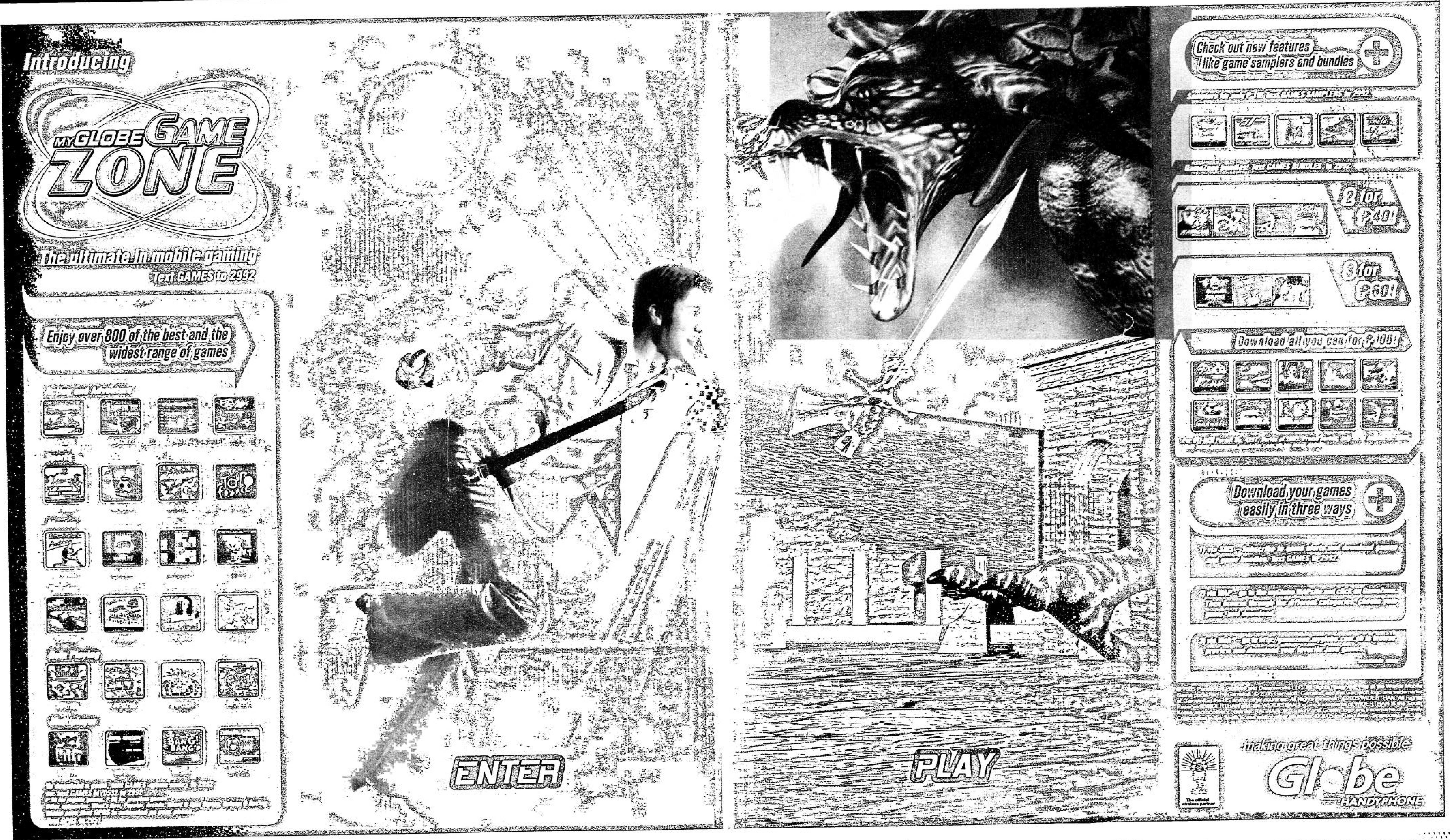

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By Bayani San Diego Jr.

LAST Thursday, the board of LVN Pictures Inc. formally turned over the assets of the country's premier film processing and laboratory company to its new owners, movie producers Antonio "Tony" Gloria and Menardo "Butch" Jimenez.

For the past 15 years, Gloria and Jimenez have been partners in Optima Digital, a leading production house.

Jimenez and Gloria will call the new film laboratory Optima Colors or Opticolors.

One-stop shop

With their acquisition of LVN's laboratory assets—mostly film processing and printing equipment valued at P25 million—the Gloria-Jimenez partnership has practically covered the entire movie production process "from start to finish."

This much was confirmed by Jimenez and Gloria in an exclusive interview with INQUIRER Entertainment just hours after signing the agreement with the LVN board, led by the De Leon family (heirs of LVN matriarch Narcisa "Doña Sisang" de Leon).

"With this deal, we have consolidated the whole production process," Jimenez said. "We have end-to-end capability in any format a client wants—whether digital or film or a combination of the two. Aside from that, we've also consolidated expertise in both long form (movies) and short form (commercials)."

In sum, Opticolors is envisioned as a one-stop shop.

"In the past, an alternative filmmaker would have to talk to three different companies," Gloria said. "But now Opticolors can offer a wide range of services."

There was one issue they wanted to clarify.

Jimenez explained: "Just because Mr. Gloria has Unitel Pictures and I am associated with GMA-7, other producers think that they may get shut out simply because they're competitors. We want to put it on record that we have no intention of doing that. We're open to all movie producers."

The Jimenez-Gloria team will take over LVN's operations on Aug. 1.

Gloria said, however, that the laboratory's facilities and operations would have to be "moved to another location because the [De Leon] family needs the land."

But they will only move to the new venue, a 1,500 square-meter warehouse in the Fort, by the end of December, after finishing the post-production work on entries in the Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

Latest equipment

Why invest in an industry that is perceived by many as dying, if not dead?

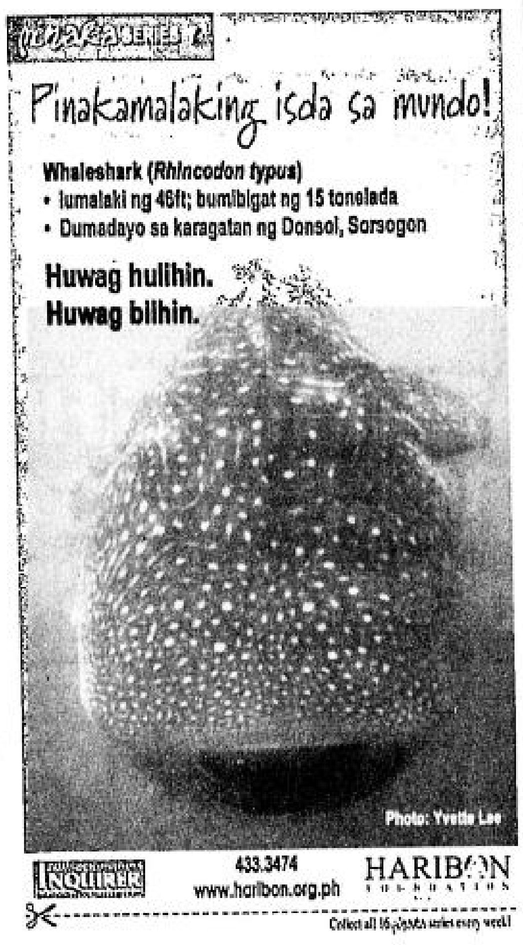
"Aside from serving the processing and printing needs of the local industry, we are also eyeing the printing requirements of Hollywood studios," Jimenez said. "Instead of printing films in Thailand or Australia, they can print their movies here and save on shipping costs."

This would entail upgrading LVN's equipment.

He added, "Even before we came in, LVN's management had already invested in the latest equipment. It was even certified by Kodak with the Image Care Program, the ISO [International Standardization Organization] of film laboratories."

Gloria attested, "The negative-cleaning equipment in LVN is only two years old. The same equipment in Kantana [a top post-production house in Thailand] is five to six years old."

He concluded: "I never imagined that we'll be in the thick of things. We'll have the best of both worlds: digital and film technologies. This is exciting."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'Hollywood Dream' is off to a rocky start

VIEWFINDER
Nestor U. Torre

FOR a long time now, some Filipino actors have tried to make it in Hollywood, often with dismal results. Now comes the new ABC-5 reality challenge, "Hollywood Dream" (9 p.m., Sundays), which promises to get its winner a Screen Actors Guild card, and roles in two movies to be shot in LA, plus a TV show. Will it in fact make its winner's Hollywood dream a reality?

That remains to be seen. What is available for evaluation now is the process involved in selecting that winner. Last Sunday, we caught the show's first telecast, which involved auditions that ended up with 39 auditionees being short-listed for further call-back tests.

So, how did the initial auditions go? We saw both experienced and tyro performers trying out, alternately laughing their hearts out and crying their tearducts dry (with a decided preference for the latter), in order to convince the two auditioners that they had the "looks, talent and X-factor" needed to make it in LA-LA Land.

Clueless

Some talents knew how to make the auditions work for them, but others were clueless. They didn't seem to get it that the show was auditioning for actors, which bemused and irritated the auditioners.

Even the acting auditions were occasionally far-out, like a young woman's decision to let loose with a hysterical Sisa monologue. For *Hollywood*?!

To make things worse, the show focused on these oddities rather snidely, sort of like how "American Idol" loves to highlight the clumsy losers who "dare" to appear at auditions despite their abysmal lack of looks and talent.

Cynical

THIS is a facile way to make a show more "interesting," so we understand why "Hollywood Dream" resorts to it as well. But, we wish that the show would downplay this cynical "laugh at the losers" ploy, out of sympathy for the people who don't make the cut. Imagine, they lay their lack of talent on the line, and get razzed about it on national TV, to boot? Have a heart.

We must also note that the show itself isn't always on the up-and-up in terms of the effectivity of its own personnel. **Eric Quizon** is a dour and listless host, and the two auditioners lack substance and stature. So, before poking fun at the auditionees, the show should first get its own act together, right?

In any case, at the end of last Sunday's premiere show, 39 talents were still in contention. Further tests will pare that number down to the talent search's final 15. How will they fare on the rocky road to achieving their Hollywood Dream? We'll be watching...

'U-Pick Live'

THIS August, Nickelodeon channel fans can select the shows they want to watch in a new interactive show, "U-Pick Live," which airs for two and a half hours every weekend. Kids can also take part in live polls and chats, request their favorite music videos, take part in games, and win prizes.

Powered by the latest SM-SZSCREEN Graphic System from Golden Bytes Interactive, "U-Pick Live" is hosted by **Noel de la Rosa**, **Brigitte Remy-Yee**, **Pick Boy** and **Twinkle**, the Three-Toed Sloth—so, expect the gags to fly fast and furious.

Games include Prize Wall Punch, These Slimy Celebrities, and Cook-Off. "U-Pick Live" premieres on Aug. 6.

'Swak na Swak'

THE MASCULADOS mall tour, "Swak na Swak," hits SM Bacoor at 5 p.m. today. Now celebrating its anniversary, Masculados has released its CD single, "Swak na Swak," which it performs on tour aside from selections from its "Nakaka..." album.

'The Legend of Bhagat Singh'

NOW showing at Robinsons Galleria Movieworld Cinema 10 (until July 26) is "The Legend of Bhagat Singh," directed by **Rajkumar Santoshi**, an exemplary film about the famous Indian freedom fighter who sacrificed his life for his country.

The film takes viewers through the searing highlights of **Shaheed Bhagat Singh**'s remarkable life—the horrific Jallainwala Baug massacre, **Mahatma Gandhi**'s non-cooperation movement in 1921, the struggle against the yoke of British rule, Singh's hunger strike in prison, dramatic courtroom scenes, and the heartrending climax to Singh's inspiring, heroic life.

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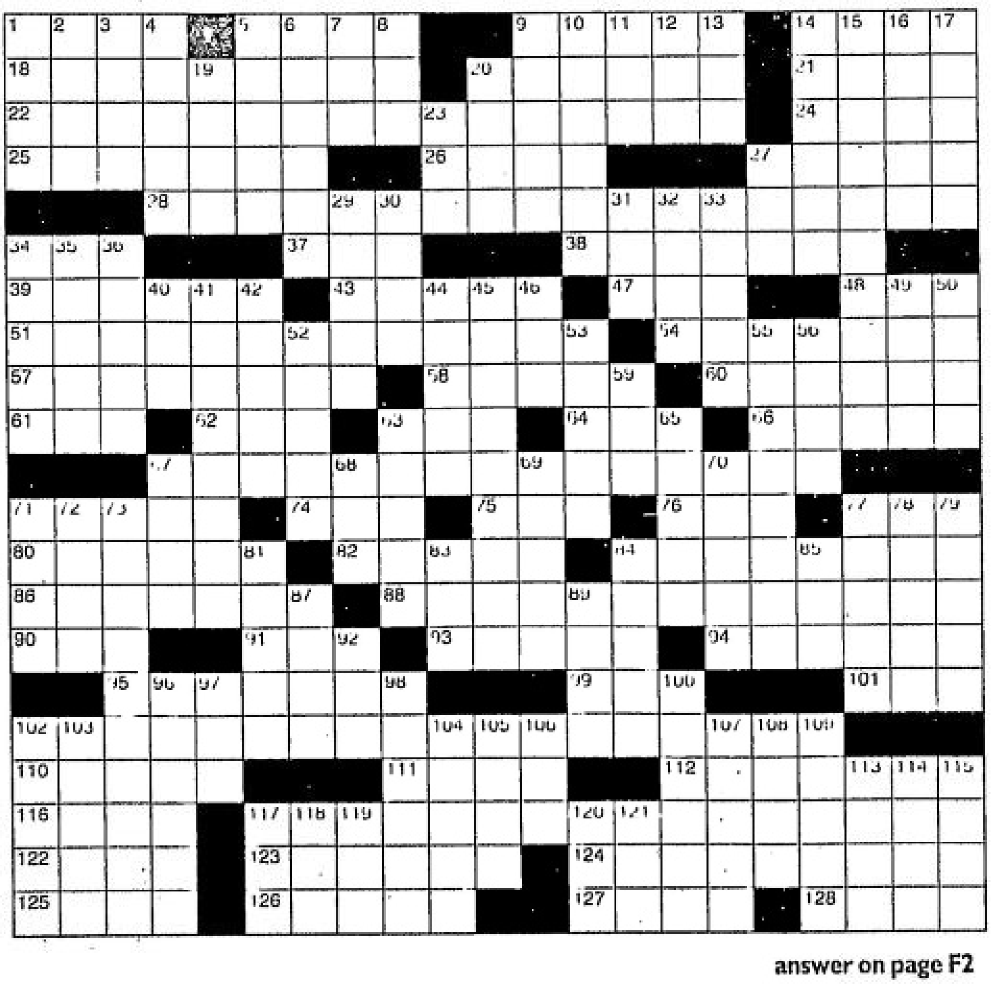
ACROSS
1 Life stories, briefly
5 Bush and Stuart
9 Stopped in one's tracks
14 Dog in "The Thin Man"
18 Actress Sciorra
20 Tropical fruits
21 Bird beaks
22 Mythical bird enchanted the police?
24 Cpl. and Sgt., e.g.
25 Rang at a funeral
26 Impel
27 By oneself
28 Actress Burstyn perks up her pals?
34 Pas' mates
37 Sailing setting
38 Pampered to a fault
39 Fright-filled
43 "If I Were — Man"
47 Brynner of "The King and I"
48 — Ho Lee (name in 2000 news)
51 Baby kangaroo takes a chunk out of a cleansing bar?
54 Lizard, e.g.
57 Folks choosing from menus
58 Fish with hook and line
60 One humming
61 Coll. dorm overseers
62 Lennon's widow
63 Munch on
64 Ostrich cousin
66 Like many movies, nowadays
67 Wonderland visitor washes a cab?
71 WordPerfect company
74 Used a divan
75 Simian
76 Brest friend
77 Antinarcotics org.
80 Worshiper
82 Send, as payment
84 Cries feebly
86 Make over
88 Actor Asner going gaga over his pseudonym?
90 Dry — bone
91 Chop off
93 "This — a test"
94 Actress Milano
95 Espied
99 Unit of resistance
101 Baseball's Williams
102 Bird features captivated actor Sheen?
110 Word before "mentioned"
111 "Stranded" star Skye
112 Retail boss
116 Wall St. inits.
117 Lucky crash victim couldn't find his old Chevy?
122 Pedicurist's focus
123 Ill-natured
124 Plantation processing machine
125 — out (investigate, to a Brit)
126 Entrap
127 Skin soother
128 With 8-Down, nourishing egg membrane

DOWN
1 "Arf" sound
2 Privy to
3 Not a second time
4 Weasel look-alike
5 Ruby, e.g.
6 Omits a syllable
7 Diner classic
8 See 128-Across
9 Chocolate candy
10 Indy entrants
11 — -lacto vegetarian
12 Electrocute
13 Superman's letter
14 Founder of the Shakers in America
15 New burst of energy
16 Certain govt. security
17 Some equines
19 Class ender
20 "Sommersby" star
23 "Say what?"
27 Feel unwell
29 Certain tides
30 Lincoln and Ford, e.g.
31 Operative
32 Trey topper
33 Irked
34 Part of MLB
35 Greek market
36 Loses fur
40 "Yes" vote
41 Paged up, e.g.
42 "And — wrote ..."
44 Knighted Newton
45 Airplanes' visible vapor streaks
46 Witch
49 Altitude: Abbr.
50 Dweeb
52 Camaro models
53 New cadet
55 Situated close (to)
56 Singer Braxton
59 Type widths
63 Lauder of cosmetics
65 Orem resident
67 Plane-related
68 Stud site
69 Novelist Sinclair
70 PC brand
71 Irene of "Fame"
72 Lyric poems
73 Schnozz varieties
77 Franklin or Jefferson, religionwise
78 Record over
79 Syrian statesman
81 Artifact
83 Roman 1,501
84 Sealed - kiss
85 Thickness
87 — Ness
89 "Va-va- —!"
92 Pod occupant
96 Female fiend
97 Follower of Mao?
98 Motorist
100 Asian sleuth
102 Lusts for
103 "Honk - - love ..."
104 Watery silk
105 Covet
106 Nero's god
107 Flavor
108 Turned on by
109 Au pair
113 -- dancer
114 Nefarious
115 Stinking
117 Alert at sea
118 Large vase
119 Genetic material
120 JVC rival
121 Keyed-in chuckle



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April 10, 1942: Japanese Army sets their POWs onto the 65-mile long Bataan Death March. Hundreds of U.S. and Filipinos soldiers will die of starvation, disease and executions.

April, 1942: The POWs are taken to Camp O'Donnell. 1,500 Americans and 15,000 Filipinos die in the first two months of their imprisonment.

June, 1942: POWs are transferred to a camp at Cabanatuan, where hundreds die in the first month of starvation, tropical illness and torture, a pattern that will continue over the next 3 years.

August, 1944: The Japanese War Ministry issues a "Kill All Policy" – a broad edict calling for the deaths of all remaining POWs under their authority.

October 20, 1944: Gen. MacArthur returns to the Philippines.

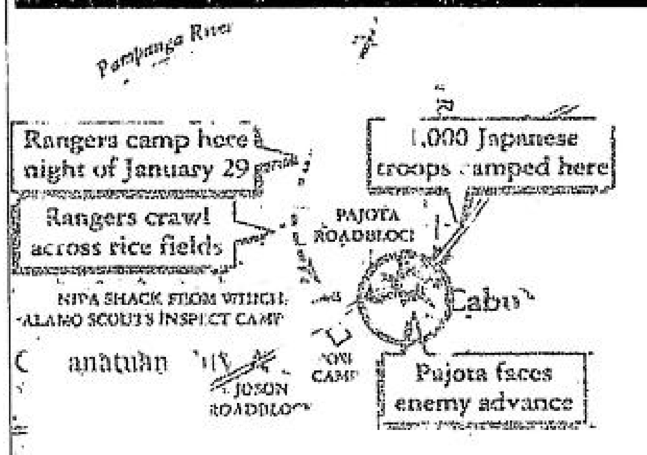
December 14, 1944: Palawan :
POW camp- 150 American and Pilipino soldiers are summarily executed – rumors circulate that Cabanatuan will be next.

January 27, 1945: Col. Henry Mucci and his 6th Army Rangers, together with the Filipino resistance fighters led by Capt. Juan Pajota, are ordered to execute the suicide raid on Cabanatuan to save the POW's.

January 27, 1945: Alamo Scouts begin stealth reconnaissance behind enemy lines.

January 30, 1945: The most incredible raid on Cabanatuan begins.

January 31, 1945: The POWs are free. A mission that really couldn't succeed...and yet it did.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Rangers crawl across rice fields
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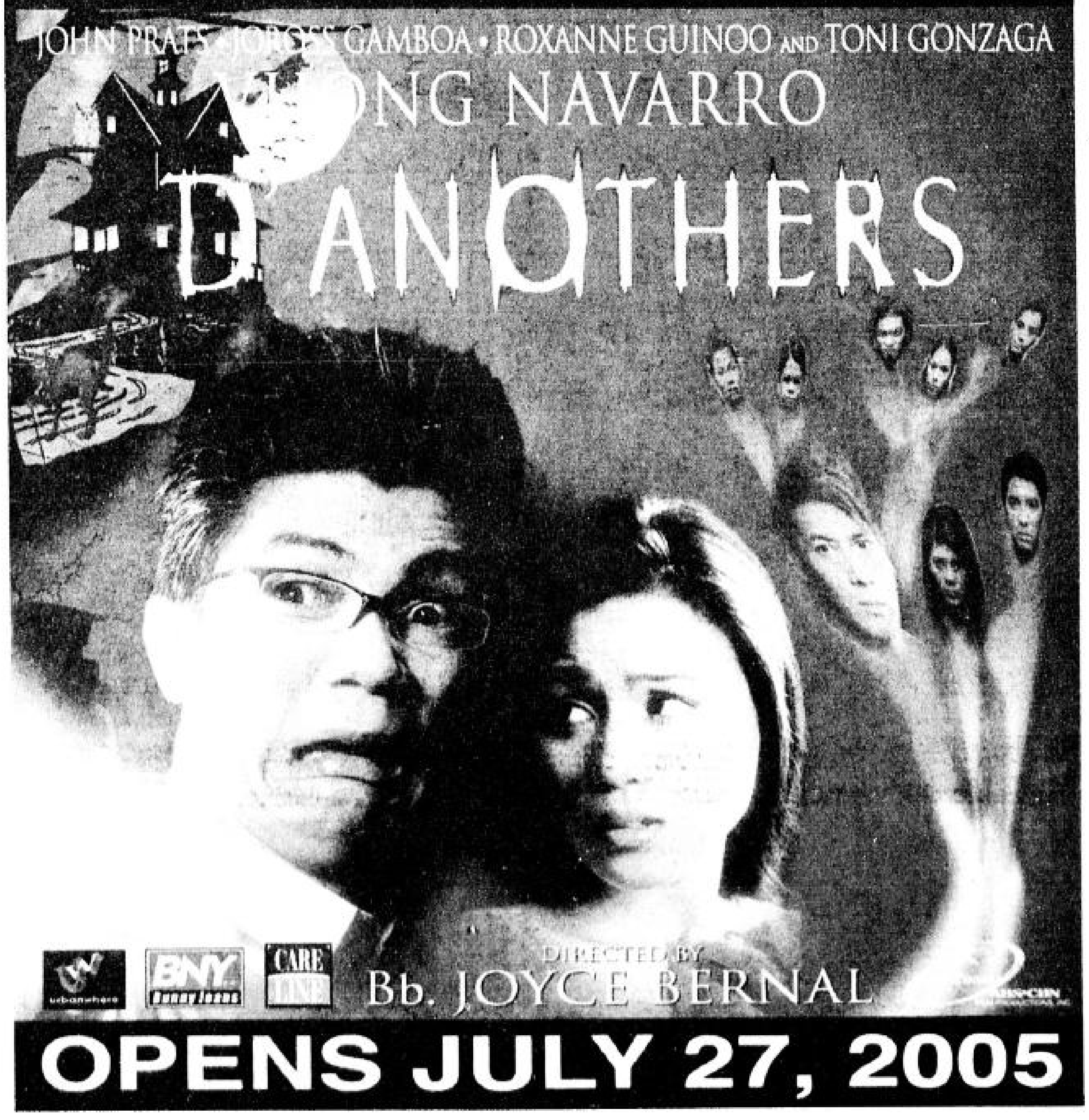

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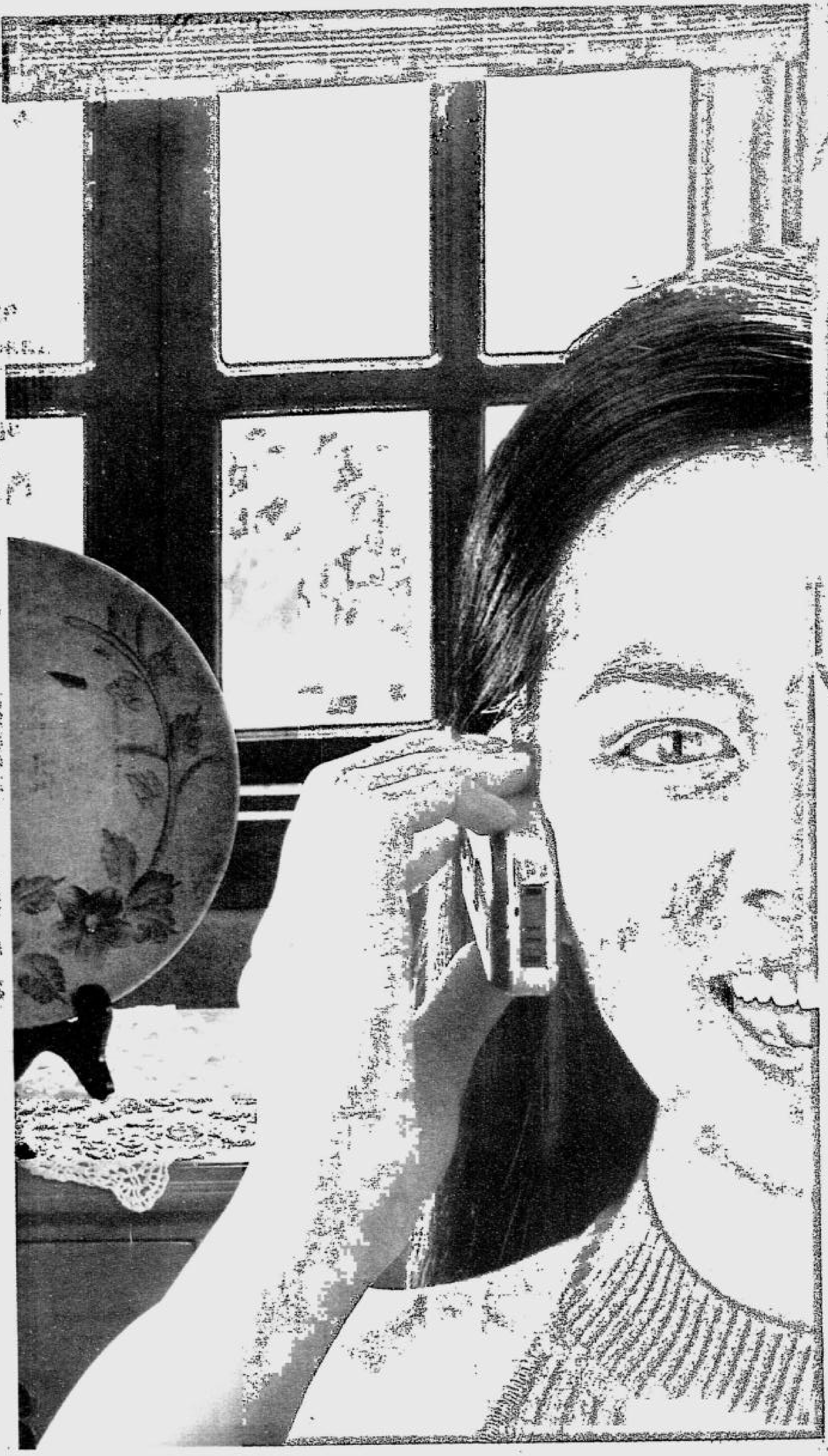

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Underachiever creates original ideas that sell

OFELIA Pamintuan with son Meckoy over 60 years ago.

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

GMA 7's top marketing man has a story fit to be made into a telenovela.

When he was three, the Japanese were facing a losing battle against the Americans and were indiscriminately killing as many Filipinos as they can in Manila. This was the time of the Manila Massacre.

Like many, Manuel "Meckoy" P. Quiogue's family ran to one of the shelters in Singalong. But that was not enough to protect them.

The Japanese came and bayoneted anyone along the way. Two of Meckoy's six siblings died. His father, at that time, was in their funeral parlor—Funeraria Nacional.

INA, Meckoy and son Lorenzo

His mother was with them in the shelter and held him tightly to shield Meckoy, but a Japanese soldier got to her and started bayoneting her. As she felt the pain of the knife go through her body, she threw her youngest deeper into the shelter with her last dying strength.

Meckoy survived.

But the drama did not end there.

A few months ago, he attended the wake of a member of the Villavicencio clan (of the Triple V restaurant chain). There, he met an old man who asked him if he was Meckoy.

He nodded although he did not know who the man was.

That night a secret was revealed that he was oblivious to for more than 50 years.

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The old man told him he was the one who caught Meckoy when his mother threw him deeper into the shelter. But the Japanese soldiers still reached him and stabbed him 14 times while he was holding the toddler.

The man showed Meckoy his stab wounds and one hand that was paralyzed because of a deep stab.

"But the strange part was that you were never hit or grazed by the bayonet," the old man told Meckoy.

The story caused the marketing whiz to weep uncontrollably. Nobody had ever told him he owed his life to anyone, or that two people sacrificed for his survival. And he cried like he had never cried in his life.

One would think that the tragedy that surrounded his childhood would have made him grow up into a quiet young man that gave no one problems.

But that was not how Meckoy was. At least while growing up.

AT THE historic Pamintuan mansion in Pampanga

His mother, Ofelia Pamintuan, belonged to a very wealthy clan who owned and sold Clark Field to the Americans.

"But the Pamintuans got their wealth through usury, so they were cursed. But they were so rich. There were 11 siblings and before the war, they had a house in Washington DC and Switzerland, and would spend their summer vacations there."

His parents met in the United States. Meckoy says his father was "a gambler who squandered my mom's money."

Life was like a roller coaster for Meckoy and his siblings while growing up. He was often late in starting school because there was no money for tuition.

But he points out that there would be periods when his father would go straight and they would have a lot of money. The father managed the funeral parlor set up by Meckoy's paternal grandfather.

Whether it was the instability of family life or his own fun-loving ways, Meckoy was an underachiever throughout his studies at the Ateneo de Manila University. The dean of the school once told him he and his friends would never amount to anything.

Years later, he made sure he attended a party for the priest who came back to Manila for a visit. He asked the priest if he still remembered Meckoy who proudly told him he was the marketing director of Coca Cola Philippines.

But while Meckoy was more enamored with the fun side of youth, there were some who saw through his mischief.

He talks of a priest who told him in his senior year in high school that he will give Meckoy a grade of 98 even if he knows the young student was not going to work at it, but that he also knew the mischievous kid had a very high IQ.

Meckoy says he never worked for a subject as much as he did that year and earned the grade.

His truancy and devil-may-care attitude nearly prevented him from going to college.

"In my senior year, the dean looked at me from head to toe and told me there was no place for me in Ateneo."

He was told to bring his father to talk to the school officials. The problem was he did not apply to any other college. He was, in the end, allowed to go to college and managed to finish a degree in Economics.

Although he was a teacher's nightmare when he was a student, Meckoy changed when he entered the corporate world.

His first job was with Carnation Milk. That was 1960, and he got paid P200 plus incentives of P150.

He was put in charge of supermarkets.

"I developed a promo where, if you buy eight cans of Carnation, you get a raffle ticket and every hour we had a raffle," he recalls. "The goods raffled were simple items solicited from our suppliers."

He stayed with Carnation for

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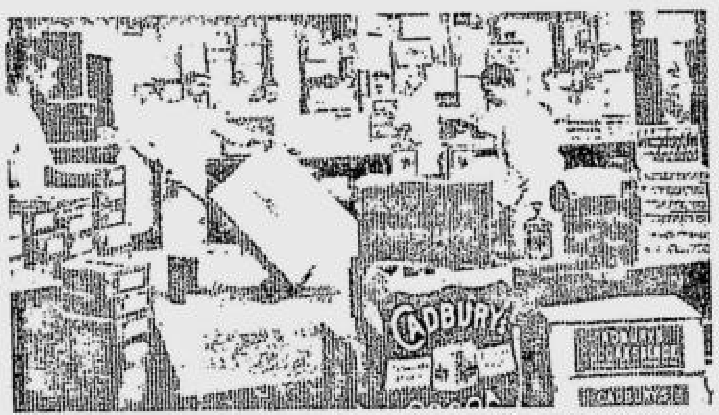

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In 1928, after 23 years of immense success, Cadbury launched its first Cadbury Dairy Milk range extension-Fruit and Nut. This was followed in 1933 with Whole Nut.

As technology developed, methods of production changed and mechanization increased. However, Cadbury was quick to point out that one factor remains constant—the Cadbury taste. In this field, the machine has not taken over and the tasting panels responsible for Quality Control include representatives who meet once a week to check the flavor.

Another major milestone in Cadbury's history was achieved in 2003, when the company defeated Nestlé for the acquisition of Adams from Pfizer Inc. The acquisition, worth $4.2 billion, formed the world's largest confectionery business that enjoys leadership positions in sugar and functional confectionery and the No. 2 positions in gum.

With the acquisition, Cadbury gave itself control over four "power" brands that represent over 70 percent of Adams sales—Halls medicated confectionery, Trident sugar free gum, Dentyne Ice chewing gum and the Bubbas bubblegum range. Other brands include Clorets and Chiclets.

Year 2005 is set to be Cadbury's as the company aims to touch the lives of everyone around the world. Locally, Cadbury is celebrating its 100th year by giving Filipinos a sweet treat, with its Buy 1 Take 1 offering or special discounted prices.

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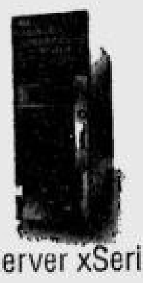

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Accor launches All Seasons; top bath experiences

BUSINESS TRAVEL

By Sandra Garcia
Contributor

ACCOR recently launched its All Seasons hotel brand in Asia with the opening of All Seasons Legian at one of Bali's most popular leisure destinations.

All Seasons Legian was developed out of the former Bali Dwira Hotel. The resort enjoys prime location between the popular Kuta and Seminyak shopping and entertainment areas and is a short stroll from the ocean. The multimillion dollar renovation includes new rooms and an upgrade of the pool and garden areas.

The resort offers 109 modern rooms decorated with Balinese influences ranging from 21 sqm to 23 sqm in size including Balcony. All first floor rooms have bathtubs to cater to the hotel's Japanese guests.

With the opening of the All Seasons Legian, Accor now offers the largest choice of locations and hotel styles in Bali, including four other hotels in Kuta, Seminyak, Sanur and Lombok.

All Seasons Legian is offering a promotional rate of $38++ a night for double occupancy in a Superior Room (breakfast not included) from now until Sept. 30. Bookings can be made on via www.accorhotels.com/asia or by ringing Accor's call centre in Indonesia on (21) 574 4518 toll free.

We would like to share WowTraveler's (www.wowtraveler.com) top ten bathtub experiences.

Bab al Shams Desert Resort & Spa, Dubai

The 115-room and suites of Bab al Shams Desert Resort and Spa, managed by Jumeirah International, have bathtubs that are inner sanctums of peace. The sand-colored oval tubs are sunken, and apart from a way to get in and out, there are ceiling-high walls with hand stencil design.

Six Senses Soneva Gili Resort & Spa, Maldives

At Six Senses' 44-room Soneva Gili, over the water villas have showers—but what could be more romantic than going down one's private steps to immerse oneself in the crystal clear Indian Ocean, possibly surrounded by exotic fish?

One can then relax on the villa's deck, or in the air-conditioned parlor where one can enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of espresso—there is a Saeco espresso machine and a few other toys in the parlor.

The Langham, London

The Langham was originally built as a townhouse for Sir John Langham in 1797, and opened as a hotel in 1865.

The signature Langham Suite has a rectangular infinity tub, with marble outer surround and taps to one side. While enjoying a bath in the infinity tub, one can choose from a selection of Molton Brown, Floris, Jo Malone, Origins or Penhaligons toiletries.

EMPIRE Hotel in Brunei

The Ritz-Carlton Bahrain

The 264 rooms of Ritz-Carlton Bahrain includes 23 villas. Each has a pool, Philippe Starck deck furniture, Ron Arad library shelving, a 12-seat dining table and three suite bedrooms. Here you bath in a Jacuzzi infinity tub, the outer surround of stone-topped wood, and a collection of Acqua di Palma toiletries.

Hotellerie de Crillon le Brave, France

A favorite suite among travelers at the 24-room Hostellerie de Crillon-le-Brave is the two-floor La Tour which is, as its name implies, in a tower. The bedroom upstairs has a view across the valley to Mont Ventoux, a popular Tour de France route.

In the parlor downstairs is a pair of white freestanding bathtubs, with a raised ice bucket for your chilled Taittinger on each side.

The Four Seasons Chiang Mai

The 64-room Four Seasons Chiang Mai is home to a family of water buffalo that bathe twice a day.

If one is in an upstairs room in one of the two-floor villas, your bathtub has three glass walls looking straight into lush foliage. One can enjoy a selection of local toiletries in celadon-colored ceramic pots and, when dry, slip into a raspberry-colored fabric robe and walk to the outdoor sala to watch the buffaloes.

Empire Hotel & Country Club, Brunei

Arguably the world's most luxurious hotel, the 553-room Empire Hotel and Country Club, was originally built as a guesthouse. A typical suite bathroom has 24-carat gold carpet and marble and gold interiors.

The oval bathtub offers a view below of a sandy beach where chances are the name of the guest is written in flowers. One can enjoy his bath with the soothing music from Bang+Olufsen speakers and Bulgari toiletries and a selection of wellness magazines.

The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa, Sonoma, California

This 218-room hotel's suites have big oval Jacuzzi tubs separating the bedroom area, which features a four-post bed, and the bathroom proper.

According to Wowtraveler, the wow factor here is after a day of pampering at the hotel's spa, light your fireplace, and then uncork a bottle of local Kenwood Vintage Red, and, enjoy the tub experience.

The Peninsula Hong Kong

At The Peninsula, the bathtub is set diagonally across the corner of the marble bathroom. There are two giant ceiling high one-way windows. You can take phone calls or even conduct a conference call as the telephone system blocks out bathroom noise. Order Room Service which will be delivered via your door "cat flap."

Hotel Cipriani, Venice, Italy

The Palladio Suite at 104r Hotel Cipriani & Palazzo Vendramin has one of the most stylish of all bathtubs, its top surround the same grey-veined cream Carrara and Verona marble as the floor, walls and wash unit of the room (the architect is Pierfranco Fabris).

Water pours into the tub from a horizontal faucet, and the view through the picture window is Isola di S Giorgio. A private boat that comes with the suite will take the guests there. *Feedback at sdg1402@yahoo.com*

ONE MILLION CREDIT CARDS
he country's largest credit card issuer recently marked an industry milestone with one million Citibank credit cards in the market. Citibank launched its first credit card product in the Philippines in 1990 and made it accessible to the emerging middle class market with lower income requirements. Country business manager for Global Consumer Group Nina Aguas (4th from left) is shown here with members of Citibank's senior management yeam.

Underachiever creates original ...

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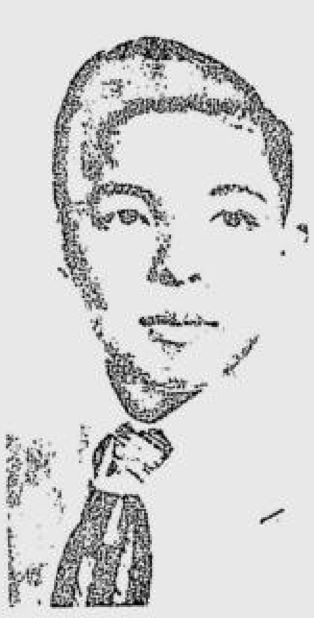
18 months then moved to J. Walter Thompson as an account manager servicing Procter & Gamble. When JWT got the Philippine Refining Co. (now Unilever) account, Meckoy was hired by PRC and he became a "hot shot brand manager who moved from one brand to another."

He handled brands that no longer exist today but were the top brands of the 1960s: Camia cooking oil; Drive detergent soap; the toilet soap line—Lifebuoy, Lux.

He started the Lux stars.

But his best performing brand was Breeze which, for a time, became PRC's biggest product.


MECKOY at the end of his high school days at the Ateneo

He cooked up a brilliant marketing plan for Breeze that increased sales tremendously and created a new concept for promos.

He created the first "self-liquidating promo." In the past, promos were undertaken where the firms lost money on the giveaways. The aim was to merely sell the brand by sweetening it with freebies, which the firm paid for. Meckoy created a promo where the consumers could get the basket at a low price if they buy a certain number of Breeze boxes. PRC earned from sales and the item.

After a few years, he was set to be sent to Australia for training. However, his older brother, who was managing the funeral parlor, suddenly wanted to become a priest.

His brother did a good job with the funeral parlor and made it grow. Meckoy had to take over the business but his father started interfering and squandering the funds leading to a fall out between father and son.

Meckoy recalls that when his father passed away in 1984, he had to take charge as he was the only one not crying. But when left alone with his father's body, he broke down, giving vent to the frustrations and love he felt for his old man.

He left the funeral business and wrote six companies he wanted to work for, including ABS-CBN. Eugenio Lopez, the head of the group called him and offered him the marketing post at The Manila Chronicle. That was in September 1972.

Meckoy asked to be allowed to think about the offer although Lopez pointed out to him that "you wrote me."

Still Lopez gave him the weekend to think things over. The following day Lopez was arrested and The Manila Chronicle was closed.

A head hunter then called and offered him a position in Levi's which was going to be introduced in the market. He did not stay long and moved on to Coke where he whipped up some trend-setting marketing gimmicks.

When he joined Coke in 1974, Pepsi-Cola was the No. 1 soda in the country. He was hired as the sales promotion manager. The early 1970s was the hey-day of Philippine basketball and Meckoy cooked up a deal with the basketball players.

The promo was one can buy the posters with certain crowns. The grand prize was P20,000 for completing a set of crowns. The winners immediately got a chance to make 50 attempts at the basket and win P100 for every goal he makes. The twist, was you could get somebody else to shoot the basketball for you. The shoot-outs were held in plazas where crowds would gather.

"It was so successful as a visibility promotion, it became in vogue," Meckoy explains. "Visibility promotion sees you in the act of winning the prize."

He also thought up the Coke grocery raid where a winner gets to shop in a grocery store for five minutes and take home everything he gets.

In 1977, Coke became number one.

Although he had a standing offer to return to Unilever anytime he wanted to, he never went back. He had a three-year stint with an apparel firm in the US and when he went back to Manila he was asked to rejoin JWT Manila, where he was president and COO.

In 1994, he joined ABS-CBN as nice president for Sales & Marketing. In September 1996, he was asked to launch and run Studio 23, the all-English UHF channel of ABS-CBN. Then he was appointed head of ABS-CBN Narrowcast Group on March 24, 2000. The group included Studio 23, CPI (Proprietary ABS-CBN Cable Channels), ABS-CBN Publishing and ABS Interactive.

In 2002, he was asked to join GMA as president of GMA Marketing and Productions Inc.

An icy reception met him at GMA, largely because of the circumstances regarding the departure of the person he replaced. But over time, the ice thawed and Meckoy was back at making out-of-the-box ideas to sell.

"Everywhere I've been I have always made an innovation."

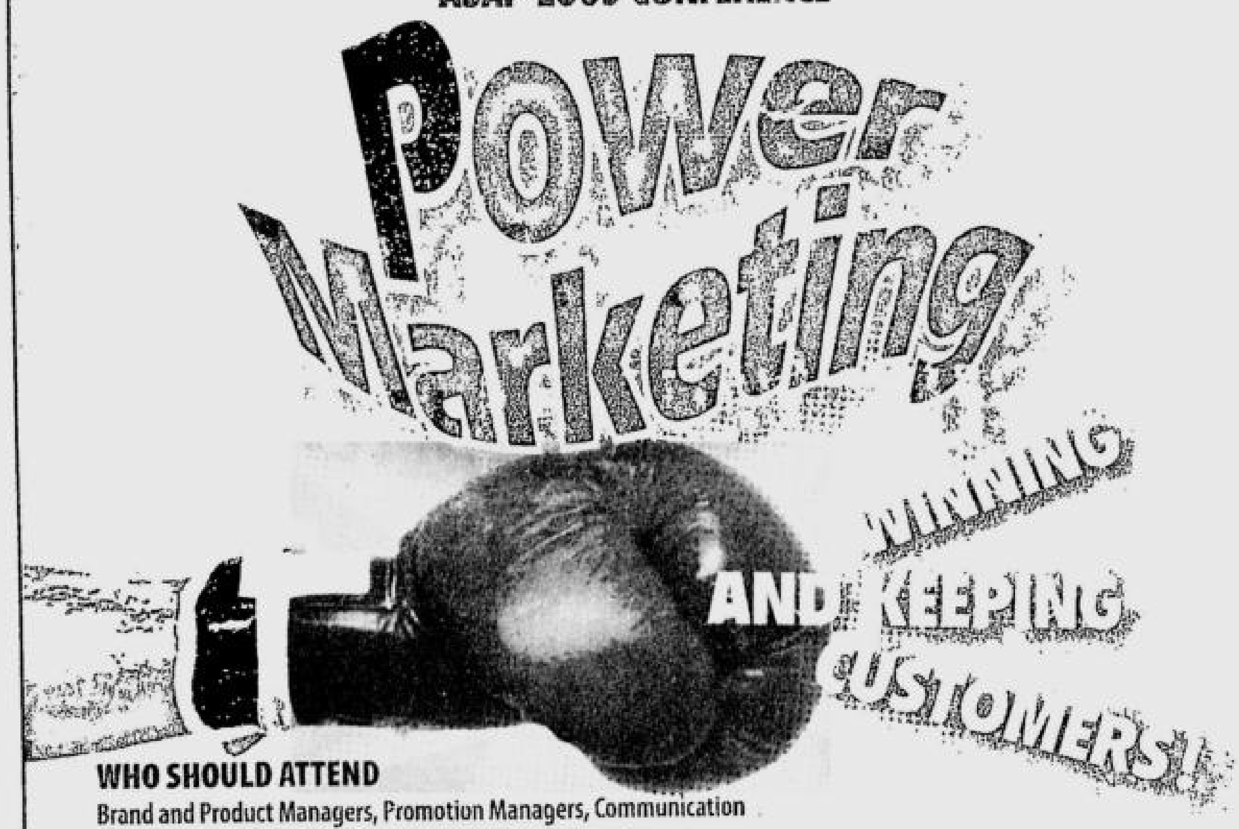
He throws ideas to members of his group and they discuss and debate until everybody becomes passionate about it.

After decades of being No. 2, GMA is now the top network in the country.

Meckoy says, "it's largely because of the attitude of Mr. (Felipe) Gozon (GMA president)."

"He was not content to be No. 2 ... he was bent on becoming No. 1," says Meckoy.

WITH daughter Gigi during her graduation at Harvard University



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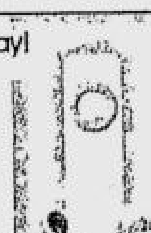

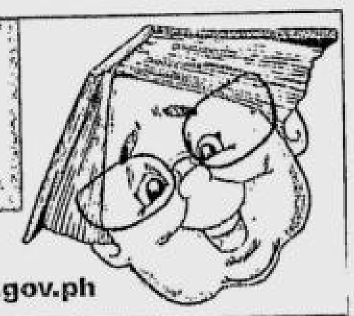

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JENNIFER Salmingo tries to give customers the satisfaction of converting their snapshots into professional-looking portraits.

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Behind Pix Station is Jennifer Salmingo, an interior design graduate from UP who later took up a masters degree in communication management from the University of Southern California. She worked for the Ayala group before setting out on her own.

"More and more people are now shifting to digital cameras, which not only saves consumers on film but also gives them the instant gratification of viewing the photos in seconds," Salmingo said.

Realizing the growing popularity of digital cameras and cellular phone cameras, Salmingo ventured into pix art—putting up in March 2005 her first kiosk called Pix Station—at the Food Court of LKG Tower in Makati City.

Pix Station was an oddity in a food court but oddity made the place. Pix Station has three components: regular digital photo prints; mobile phone photo prints and Pix Art.

Pix Art is either: pop art (that can be used for canvas or greeting cards and invitations); colorize; series, split and photo mosaic. Clients either bring their CDs or memory cards to her to be printed or to be converted into any form of Pix art.

"Everything depends on the customers. We only suggest what would be good," she said.

"We give our customers the satisfaction of converting snapshots of their babies, friends, family and vacation trips into professional looking portraits. We offer customers the opportunity to choose their favorite photo and pick from the different designs that we have," she said.

Of late, she has also been offering frames—the pricey and most popular of which is the non glare frame. "Framed photos bring out character in your homes. If you're looking for that accessory to spice up the living room, we offer framing services that will blend with the color and design of interior. Our services include editing, photo printing and framing," she explained.

Clients range from mothers who wish to document the stages of her baby's growth or want a colorful décor for her baby's birthday party to engaged couples who wish to have a photo mosaic displayed at their reception venue.

"We also have partnerships with interior designers that wish to offer unique and elegant photo portraits for their clients. We likewise offer personal design consultations," she said.

Lately, Pix Station has been servicing also photos taken from cellular phones—with many office workers now using it a lot, she said.

She plans to put up within the year another kiosk at Ortigas, Alabang or Pasig.

"We give the clients an option. They tell us what they like and we recommend a menu of products to select from depending on their budget," she said.

Between the time orders are placed to the time photos are framed are numerous consultations with customers either through phone, personal visitations (which are tedious) and through e-mail at orders@pixstation.net.

She plans to get into portraits as furniture pieces like photo box, collage, dividers and other artistic interior design pieces.

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'Go on offense when others retrench'

Jack Welch and the 4Es of Leadership
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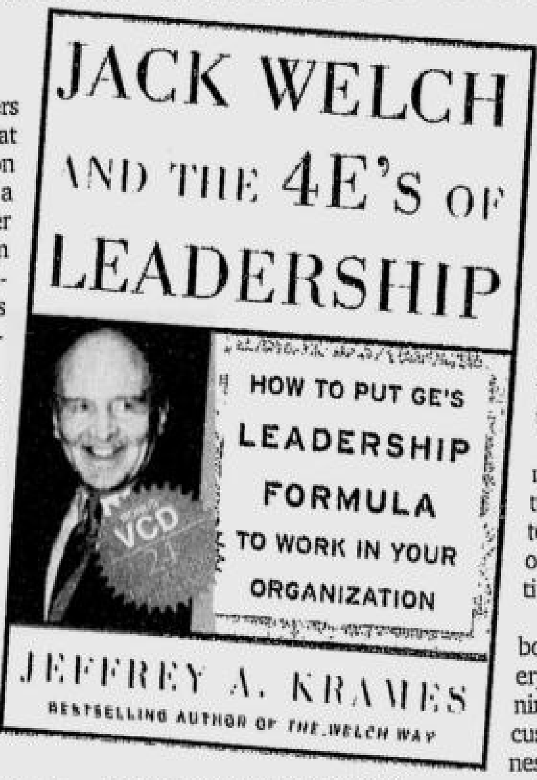

JACK WELCH AND THE 4E'S OF LEADERSHIP
HOW TO PUT GE'S LEADERSHIP FORMULA TO WORK IN YOUR ORGANIZATION
JEFFREY A. KRAMES
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE WELCH WAY

THIS SOUNDS like an unlikely advice in the latest book on the leadership style of former General Electric chair Jack Welch. After all, Mr. Welch is renowned to have a "rulebook" that the bottom 10 percent (of low performers) of the multinational giant "be fired every year."

But, that's the paradox of Welch and of how he views business, according to author Jeffrey A. Krames in his book, "Jack Welch and the 4Es of Leadership."

Krames writes of his icon:

"You have to shrink in order to grow; you have to give up things in order to gain things. By eliminating jobs and closing unproductive factories . . . he was creating the means to reinvigorate the places that would spark the company's transformation."

Averse to keeping things hanging, Krames adds: "Welch understood that many apparent contradictions in business resolve in the face of a larger vision—and may not be contradictory at all."

This so-called propensity for giving low achievers their "walking papers" has not endeared Welch with professors of the finest graduate business schools—at least in the Philippines.

And yet this new book may provide the answer to the riddle, as it lists the 4E of leadership: "The 4E Leader has energy ... energizes ... has edge and ... executes."

As the author describes the 4Es of leadership, one notes a consistent theme running through the discussion like a unifying thread.

Jack Welch wants his leaders to have "energy"—the fuel that drives the business, the passion to get things done. He wants a leader who runs 95 miles per hour—75 miles elsewhere in the same book—"in a 55-mile-an-hour world." (Don't try this on the North Luzon Expressway!)

And so, Welch is impatient with those who lack passion for their work, and who wind up in the bottom ten percent in his organization.

The next attribute—the leader who energizes—is simply the logical consequence of a suitably driven leader, who then "sparks others to perform."

In this section, the theme recurs, quoting Peter Drucker: "One can only build on strength."

And those who are weak, reminiscent of the Darwinian "survival of the fittest," must go.

Welch does not waste time on the weak links (or, pardon the pun, "weaklings") since, how can you energize one who has no energy in the first place?

I remember a training manager who dished out a homegrown philosophy with this bald statement: *"Huwag magtiyagang maghanap ng kuto sa ulong kalbo!"*

The Welch style acquires more edge as Author Krames discusses the last two qualities in the 4Es of Leadership—the leader has edge and the leader executes.

The book confronts "people decisions" so that the firm retains the competitive "edge"—making the principle sound bland enough: "Use a differentiation system to keep the best and weed out the worst."

The author says it simply, downplaying the bloody process of thousands of heads rolling: "He cut costs relentlessly (including the payroll)."

Krames shows the results in two sentences: "When Welch took over, GE had revenues of about $25 billion ... when he stepped down, GE was a $130 billion company."

Ever emphasizing the need for passion and strength, the last E—the leader executes—should mean that the boss must have the managerial will to drive the company effort to its desired conclusion, meaning: positive results.

The book emphasizes the need to improve the leader's "execution quotient," chalking up high scores in nothing less than the bottom line.

The book, meant to develop leaders around the 4Es Leadership Formula, succeeds in making us better understand Welch, who actually had to adopt a "retrench" policy just so he can mount an aggressive "offense."

He narrates how the controversial retired GE chair likened his business team with Super Bowl winners or Olympic gold medalists with this obvious conclusion: He wants only the best in his team.

So the seeming ruthlessness, the apparent indifference to human dimensions are better understood now under the overall theme of "winning," the title of Welch's other book.

The author, earlier in the book, gives a hint: "To Welch, everything is about winning, winning in the marketplace, winning customers, winning new business, winning for shareholders."

Come to think of it: A local business leader, when he took over a giant beverage company, shocked the entire organization with downsizing decisions. Today, the company remains the most admired in Asia.

Is winning the only metric by which to measure the caliber of an executive? Or, changing the question, we ask: Can you forgive a CEO who, due to some other considerations, bring your firm down to bankruptcy? Is business a game, and heads roll as a natural consequence of the overweening desire to win?

Even philanthropists believe in the primacy of "doing well" as a prerequisite to "doing good."

Read this book, wade through the many digressions of the author, and you will hit oil—or gold. You will have the answers, but you will also ask even more questions. Isn't that the paradox of business? *(dantemvelasco@yahoo.com)*

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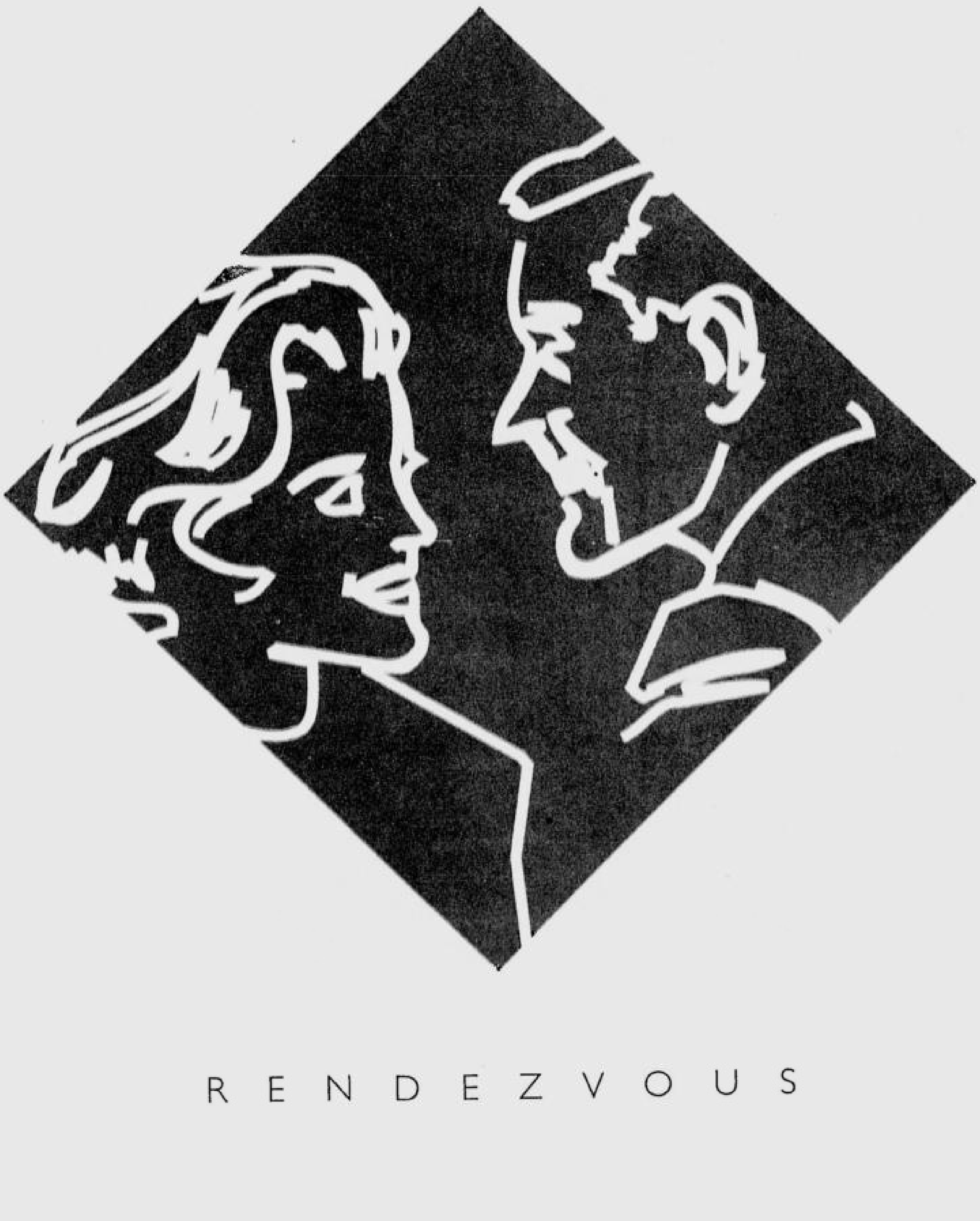

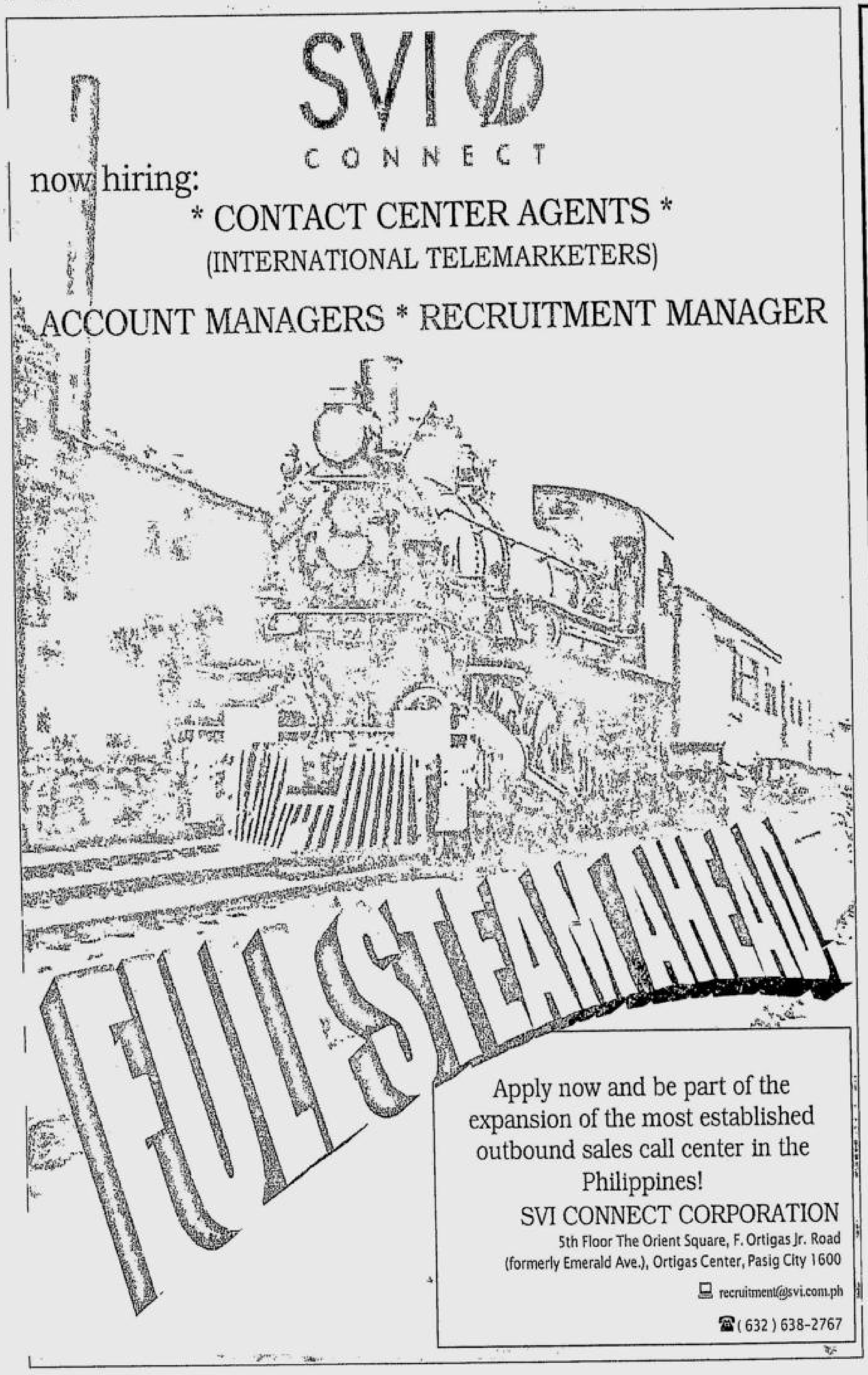

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Marissa del Mar on new public service role: Charter president

HOST of the telemagazine Up Close and Personal aired on IBC 13 with a regular timeslot every Wednesday at 10 p.m. will have her new role as the Charter President of Rotary Club Makati Nielsen.

MARISSSA DEL MAR

The self-made woman that she is, Marissa knew how it is to work hard early on in life. Despite the struggles in the rocky path to success, she always had others in mind. Her family has always been a first priority. But she always has time to be of help to others. With all the love that she can give, she naturally gravitated to an organization that puts "Service above Self" the Rotary International theme and like fish taking to the water...she felt right at home with the civic organization's sense if selfless love that fuels Rotarians to get involved in civic and community affairs and make life so much better. As if this was not enough, she started the Millicent Foundation Incorporated. In most of Millicent Foundation's outreach programs...she got the Rotary involved at one time or the other...to make lives a bit lighter for those who are burdened. With the true Rotarian spirit together, they reached out to the poor and underprivileged...specially the sick and the children. Ms. Del Mar's hard work was duly recognized and she became the District Officer for Public Relations at the Rotary District 3830 for four years. She was appointed as the Director for Ways and Means at the Rotary Club of Parañaque Metro which she performed for four years. Although she has been an active member and officer she always shunned being a Serving President.. Until the time came when it was impossible to turn the offer down. Ms. Del Mar has gone a long way in proving herself in business, broadcasting and other endeavors...but one sterling character shines out...that of being a natural-born leader...both at home and in the playing field. And now, that inherent quality is about to be put to test as she undertakes her new role as serving President of the Rotary Club of Makati Nielsen. District 3830 Governor Jimmy Cura will induct the Club this July. The Charter Officers and Members are: Sarkar Rey Alas, Arch. Benson Perelonia, Arch. Gilda Lim, Nenita Magsino, Beena Advani, Christopher Magsino, Bhagwan Dessumal James Kumar, Tony Boy Aquino, Atty. Lyceo Martinez, Delia Dalaygon, Veronica Lim, Deo BC, Cecile Gatan, Atty. Red Romero, Monina Ybañez, Sonny Gonzales, Juliet Montano, Aldrin Galang, Maritz Santos, Paco Chua and Vivian Cortez to name a few.

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NFA rolling stores now serve 165 depressed areas

NATIONAL Food Authority administrator Gregorio Y. Tan, Jr. reiterated the assurance that despite the recent developments in the political situation in the country, the agency continues to implement its food security and grains stabilization programs nationwide. Tan particularly cited that the NFA has intensified the operations of 53 rolling stores in 165 depressed communities in various provinces in the country following orders from President Gloria M. Arroyo through Agriculture Secretary Arthur C. Yap. According to Tan, out of the 87 rolling stores deployed nationwide, 30 are in Metro Manila, 17 in Region 4 and 7 units in Region 3. Other regions have less than six rolling stores.

Canadian ballet teacher to hold workshops

THE DANSE School, a Division of Developing Basics for Children & Interdisciplinary Studies of Arts and Sciences, in cooperation with the Embassy of Canada and the National Ballet School of Canada, is bringing Canadian master dance teacher Teresa Randall to Metro Manila for a series of dance (classical ballet) workshops for teachers and students. "Engage in Dance workshops" aim to enhance teachers and students' technique in ballet performance. Teresa Randall was trained in England as a scholar of the Royal Academy. Performer, teacher, and choreographer, she worked with the Royal Ballet (UK) and the Royal Swedish Ballet. She has studied the methodology of dance at the Bolshoi and the National Ballet School of China. For inquiries and more details, please contact Irene Garcia Peralejo at telephone numbers : 6712630 or 6712616.

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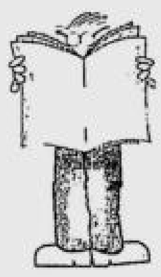

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NFA Tagbilaran gets rice import allocation

THE NATIONAL Food Authority in Tagbilaran recently received 18,000 bags of Vietnam rice shipped from Cebu City.

The shipment forms part of the total volume of 270,000 bags intended for the province for the year 2005, to be distributed to the various Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke (BGP) stores and retailer outlets, as well as for food-security purposes, NFA provincial manager Nestor Rey Alcoseba said.

Alcoseba cited that NFA-Bohol has revalidated all its accredited outlets as directed by the agency's head office.

The revalidation will check the compliance by the retailers to the Philippine Grains Standardization Program (PGSP) as well as NFA trading rules and regulations. Alcoseba said revalidation ensures that only legitimate rice retailers sell NFA rice, and that the local food agency is giving priority to BGP outlets in the issuance of rice allocations.

Such outlets are located in major and minor markets around the province where the public usually converge.

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PMAP Career Development workshops

A TWO-DAY workshop on Competency Career Development is scheduled on July 27-28. It is a completely hands-on learning activity which heightens the individual awareness of the value of a competency based career and individual development planning. At the end of the workshop, the Learner brings home a draft competency based individual development plan that he/she can show to his or her manager for implementation. Focal point is the development of competencies where the individual is least robust. Registration fee is P5,600 for Pmap members and P7,100 for non Pmap members.

The program entitled Managing the Training and Development Function is scheduled on July 28-29. Registration fee is P5,600 for Pmap members and P7,100 for non Pmap members. The program is an introductory module on how to effectively manage the training and development in an organization. It includes the basic principles and processes of training and development.

The program entitled Managing the Rewards Management workshop which is an introductory module that focuses on the basic principles and processes of rewards management, from planning, design, administration and communication is scheduled on July 29. Registration fee is P3,400 for PMAP members and P4,900 for non Pmap members.

All programs will be held at Pmap center in Mandaluyong City. For reservations, please contact The Human Resource Management Development Center at telephone numbers 726-1581; 726-1588 or 726-1532; email address: mira.jakosalem@pmap.org.ph or you may visit the website: www.pmap.org.ph

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GMA artist center talents in CCP this weekend

THE young talents of the GMA Artist Center undergo a different experience as they perform in Mga Kuwentong Kalye, a twinbill of two plays at the Cultural Center of the Philippines this weekend.

Cast in National Artist for Theater and Literature Rolando Tinio's Iaang Buhay sa Tambakan are Jelaine Santos, Sheena Halili, Jade Lopez, Ken Punzalan, Jay Oanes, Eduard Duallo, Darling Lavina and Kristel Astor. For Paul Dumol's Ang Paglilitis ni Mang Serapio, Arpee Bautista plays the title role, supported by MC Monterola, Eric dela Cruz, Emil Pden, and Yexel Sebastian. Also in the cast are Kontin Roques, Christian Esteban, Miguel Valdoria, Alizon Andres, Charee Pineda, Brenan Espartinez, Krizzy Jareno, Ana David, and Kevin Santos.

Mga Kuwentong Kalye is part of the GMA Artist Center program to provide young talents with training in the different performing media. After successfully producing digital film projects, GMA Artist Center sought the cooperation of the Cultural Center of the Philippines in providing in-depth and hands-on theater training for its talents.

For over a month now, the young actors have been working with topnotch stage directors Bart Guingona (Serapio) and Soliman Cruz (Tambakan). Both accomplished actors in their own right, Guingona and Cruz are assisted by a creative team composed of Otto Hernandez (Production Designer), Katsch Catoy (Lighting Designer), Melecio Yamomo (Composer and Musical Director), Dodo Crisol (Vocal Coach), and Cheryl Ramos and Roence Santos (Movement Coach).

Mga Kuwentong Kalye is presented with the assistance of Fotobarik and Fanatxt and goes onstage at the Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (CCP Little Theater) on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23 at 8 P.M., on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, 3 P.M. Tickets are at P200 (with 50% discount for students) and available at the CCP box office (832-3704) and Ticketworld at National Bookstore Branches and Tower Records (891-9999). Viewers will also get to meet-and-greet the artists at the theater lobby after the performance.

For further information, contact the CCP marketing office at 832-3681.

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NFA intensifies rice monitoring in Iligan

THE NATIONAL Food Authority in Iligan City is intensifying monitoring activities to ensure that NFA rice is visible and available in the markets at P16.00 and P18.00 per kilogram. NFA provincial manager Regino L. Delfin has reminded all accredited retailers that the agency is presently monitoring rice distribution to ensure that the rice allocations withdrawn by different outlets in major markets of Iligan City and Lanao Norte province are sold at the authorized selling prices. He said that the office will now be implementing sanctions and penalties on grains businessmen found violating NFA rules and regulation such as overpricing, adulteration, diversion of government stocks, commercializing NFA rice and other offenses under PD 4 including compliance to Philippine Grains Standardization Program (PGSP). In the major markets in Palao, Central Market and Reclamation Area, 54 accredited retailers with six Tindahan ni Gloria sa Palengke (TGP) outlets have a total weekly allocation of 2,135 bags to be sold at P16.00 per kg. These outlets continue to sell rice to the consuming public as scheduled. Palengke Watch teams are deployed in these areas to closely monitor so that NFA rice reach the end consumers.

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NFA deploys 200 rolling stores in Metro Manila

NATIONAL Food Authority administrator Gregorio Y. Tan, Jr. announced that starting July 23, the agency will be deploying a total of 200 rolling stores in Metro Manila and Cavite, following instructions from President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to make low-priced rice and other basic commodities accessible to the people especially during the lean months. Tan cited that 130 units will be added today to existing units in Metro Manila and Cavite province to give consumers better access low-priced food commodities. The rolling stores sell NFA rice at P16 and P18 per kg and sugar, milk, cooking oil, sardines, coffee, noodles, vegetables, fish and pork at prices lower than prevailing market rates. Since the start of the year, the rolling stores have sold a total of P99,219 bags of NFA rice nationwide.

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Tel. No. (632) 743-83-01 Local 1625/1627
Email Address: www.doh.gov.ph

Invitation To Apply For Eligibility And To Bid

PROCUREMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND PERIPHERALS

IAEB NO. 2005-8-9 (5)

1. The Department of Health (DOH), through the 2005 General Appropriations Act (GAA) intends to apply the sum of *Ten Million Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Philippine Pesos (PHP 10,958,750.00)* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Information Technology Equipment and Peripherals.
2. The DOH now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the procurement of Information Technology Equipment and Peripherals. Delivery of the GOODS is required by thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of approved Contract and Notice to proceed. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the DOH and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Six Thousand Five Hundred Philippine Pesos (PHP 6,500.00). Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. The DOH will hold a Pre-bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 26, 2005. at 10:00 a.m., at the address below.
7. Bids and eligibility requirement must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00 a.m. on 9 August 2005. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the following form and amount in Pesos. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Form of Bid Security	Minimum Amount in % of the Approved Budget for the Contract for the *[lot(s) or items]* for which Bid is Submitted
Cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit	One percent (1%)
bank guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)

8. Bid opening shall be on 9 August 2005 not later than 10:00 a.m. at the address below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
9. The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Central Office Bids and Awards Committee
Ground Floor, Building 6 Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Telephone Number: **743-83-01 local 1625 & 1626** / Fax Number: **741-97-75**
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Undersecretary of Health and Chairperson
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(PDI–July 17 & 24, 2005)

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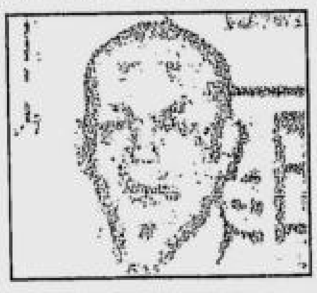

This is to inform the public that **STEVE JESSIE**, shown above, is no longer employed or connected with LUX MARKETING INC. (Formerly ELECTROLUX MARKETING INC.) or any of its branches nationwide. Mr. STEVE JESSIE has a pending criminal case for *Estafa* and has a standing Warrant of Arrest issued by the Municipal Trial Court of Dasmariñas, Cavite under *Criminal Case No. 03-1854.* The company shall not honor any transaction entered into by this individual with reference to LUX MARKETING INC. For your service requirements you can call the following telephone numbers 8128157/8154779/8189032 or e-mail LUX Service at service@luxphil.com.ph.

(PDI–July 19 & 24, 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

MALVIN C. TAN

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(Sgd.) RICARDO S. MARTINEZ, SR. CESO III
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(PDI – July 24, 2005)

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The Department of the Interior and Local Government
and the
National Police Commission
condole with the family of the late

SPO4 RODOLFO DELA ROSA DUANAN

Philippine National Police

who peacefully joined his Creator
on July 20, 2005 at the age of 48.

His remains lie in state at the PNP Mortuary
at Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Interment will be at 10:00 a.m. on July 26, 2005 at the
Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City.

REMEDIOS LOPEZ-DE RIVERA

Peacefully joined our Lord on July 21, 2005 at the age of 88.

Her loving husband **Vicente M. de Rivera, Sr.** (†); children **Jose Marie L. de Rivera** and wife **Perla**, **Marilou de Rivera-Lim** and husband **Leo**, **Rema de Rivera-Zafrani** and husband **Ike** (†), **Vic L. de Rivera, Jr.** and wife **Patricia**, **Albert L. de Rivera** and wife **Nanette**, **Father Criscente L. de Rivera, SVD**, and **Pamela Girlie de Rivera-Flores** and husband **Eddie**; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the family residence in Claveria, Cagayan

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TWENTY FIFTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY
OF

RECIO M. GARCIA

WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 24, 1980

Holy Masses will be offered at the following churches today:

Christ the King – 7:00 a.m.
Divine Word Mission Seminary
101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd., Quezon City
Immaculate Conception Cathedral Parish – 6:00 a.m.
39 Lantana Street, Cubao, Quezon City
Mount Carmel Shrine – 6:00 a.m.
Doña Juana Rodriguez Avenue
New Manila, Quezon City
National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes – 7:30 a.m.
Kanlaon cor. Retiro Street, Quezon City
Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene – 7:00 a.m.
Parish of St. John the Baptist
910 Plaza Miranda, Quiapo, Manila
Sacred Heart Parish – 7:30 a.m.
28 Scout Ybardolaza St., Kamuning, Q.C.
Parish of the Hearts of Jesus & Mary – 6:30 a.m.
Bulletin St. cor. Daily Mirror St.
West Triangle, Q.C.
Santuario De San Pedro Bautista – 6:00 a.m.
San Pedro Bautista Parish
1104 San Francisco Del Monte, Q.C.
St. Paul the Apostle Parish – 7:00 a.m.
#3 Timog Ave., cor. Mother Ignacia St.
Brgy. Laging Handa, Quezon City
Sta. Teresita Del Niño Jesus – 7:00 a.m.
43 Kanlaon St., Sta. Mesa, Quezon City
Minor Basilica and National Shrine of San Lorenzo Ruiz – 7:00 a.m.
(Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary)
Plaza Lorenzo, Binondo, Manila
Sto. Niño Parish Shrine – 6:00 a.m.
Bukidnon St., Bago Bantay, Q.C.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Our Dearly Beloved "Mama",
whom we loved and cherished,

ANITA QUIEN

(September 13, 1937 – July 21, 2005)

Peacefully joined our Lord at the age of 67.

Her loving children **Marilu Ngo, Marilyn Vreeland** and **Maribel Leh**; grandchildren **Mehrad Zarei** and **Margaret Joy Leh**; sister, brother, in-laws, relatives and friends request you to join them in prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel B-6, La Funeraria Paz, Inc., Araneta Ave . Quezon City.

Cremation will take place at the Mortuary and Crematory of The Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio on Monday, July 25, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

Inurnment will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Gateway Garden, The Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila.

Petra De Joya Reyes

Batangas City

May 13, 1913 – July 21, 2005

Now peacefully rests in the Grace and Goodness of our Lord...

She is survived by her loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren;

Son: **Roberto** and **Violeta Reyes** of Fremont California; grandchildren: **Francia** and **Jimmie Tulabing; Roderick** and **Jasmin Reyes; Cristina** and **Kyle Turner; Xenia** and **Nelson Yabut**.

Daughter: **Relinda Reyes Fernandez** of Fremont California; grandchildren: **Edson Fernandez; Edoardo** and **Cristina Fernandez**.

Son: **Lani** (†) and **Eden Reyes**; grandchildren: **Roussel Reyes; Rachel** and **Rudolf Montalbo** and **Reiel Reyes**.

Her remains lie in state at the Immaculate Conception Mortuary, Batangas City.

Interment will be on July 27, 2005 at the Batangas City Catholic Cemetery after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Batangas City.

We request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Nellie Reyes Tolentino

wife of the late **Mayor Pedro S. Tolentino** of Batangas City

July 14, 1914 – July 21, 2005

Now peacefully rests in the Grace and Goodness of our Lord...

She is survived by her loving cousins, nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends:

Nephew: **Roberto** and **Violeta Reyes** of Fremont California; grand nephews and grand nieces: **Francia** and **Jimmie Tulabing; Roderick** and **Jasmin Reyes; Cristina** and **Kyle Turner; Xenia** and **Nelson Yabut**;

Niece: **Relinda Reyes Fernandez** of Fremont California; grand nephews and grand nieces; **Edson Fernandez; Edoardo** and **Cristina Fernandez**;

Nephew: **Lani** (†) and **Eden Reyes**; grand nephews and grand nieces: **Roussel Reyes; Rachel** and **Rudolf Montalbo** and **Reiel Reyes**.

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Clarissa Fernandez Mallari

Nov. 13, 1945 – July 22, 2005

Has gone to her eternal rest in the peace of our Lord on July 22, at the age of 59.

Her bereaved husband **Chito**, children **Cherry** and **Wowie**, siblings **Louella, Ben, Eddie, Jun, Chelo** and **Bobby**, relatives and friends request for prayers for the repose of her soul.

Her ashes rest in St. Peter's Parish, Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City. Interment will follow on Sunday, July 24 at 2:00 p.m.

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Masses will be offered today for the eternal repose of his soul at the following churches:

St. Ignatius Village Chapel	8:30 a.m.
Christ the King Parish, Greenmeadows	6:30 a.m.
St. Joseph Parish Church, Bongabon, Oriental Mindoro	6:30 a.m.
St. Ignatius Cathedral, Camp Aguinaldo, Murphy	12:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 13th Ave., Murphy	5:30 p.m.
Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park	6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel, Camp Atienza, Libis	6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Church, Kamuning	6:00 p.m.

THE AUGUSTINIAN SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION

Beg you to recommend to God in your prayers and sacrifices the soul of our dear

SISTER ELENA LUNA HERNANDO

OSA

who passed away on July 23, 2005 at the age of 69.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

FUNERAL MASS WILL BE ON ___ July, 2005 at the La Consolacion Convent Chapel
273 Santolan Road, San Juan, M.M.

Interment will follow at the La Loma Cemetery immediately after the mass.

ROMY "SOY" AMANTE

Peacefully joined our Lord on July 14, 2005

Interment will be on Sunday, July 24, 2005 at the Heritage Memorial Park, Taguig City after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at St. Michael Church, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig.

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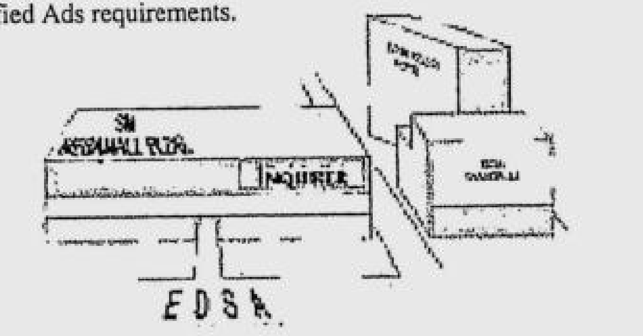

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Brief Project Description : The canteen space has an area of 143 square meters with a parking area of 189 square meters located at the CCP Administrative & Finance Building fronting Catalino Palisoc Street and the Manila Bay.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting July 19, 2005 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee in the amount of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000). The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on August 03, 2005, 2:00 pm at the CCP Boardroom, 3/F Tanghalang Pambansa CCP (Main Bldg.)

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(PDI - July 17 & 24, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO.: 07-74-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project : Supply, Delivery & Installation of 1,173 pcs. Theater Seats for Airport Casino Filipino
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Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

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The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
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(Sgd) **RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO**
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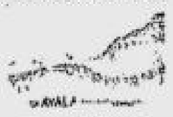

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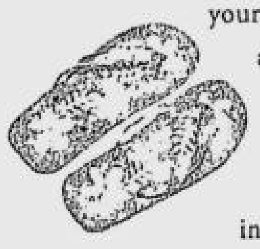

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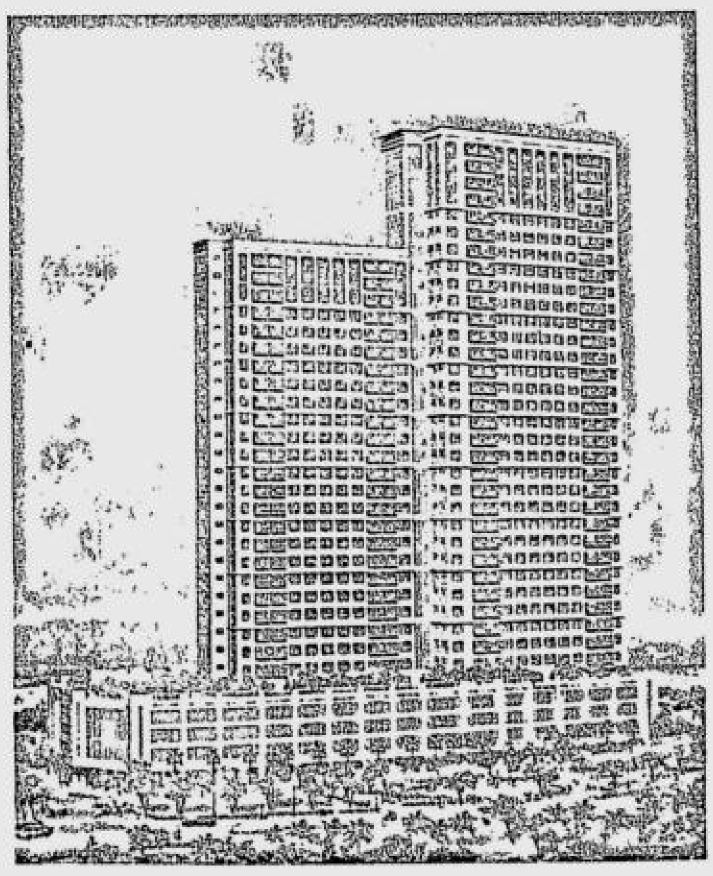

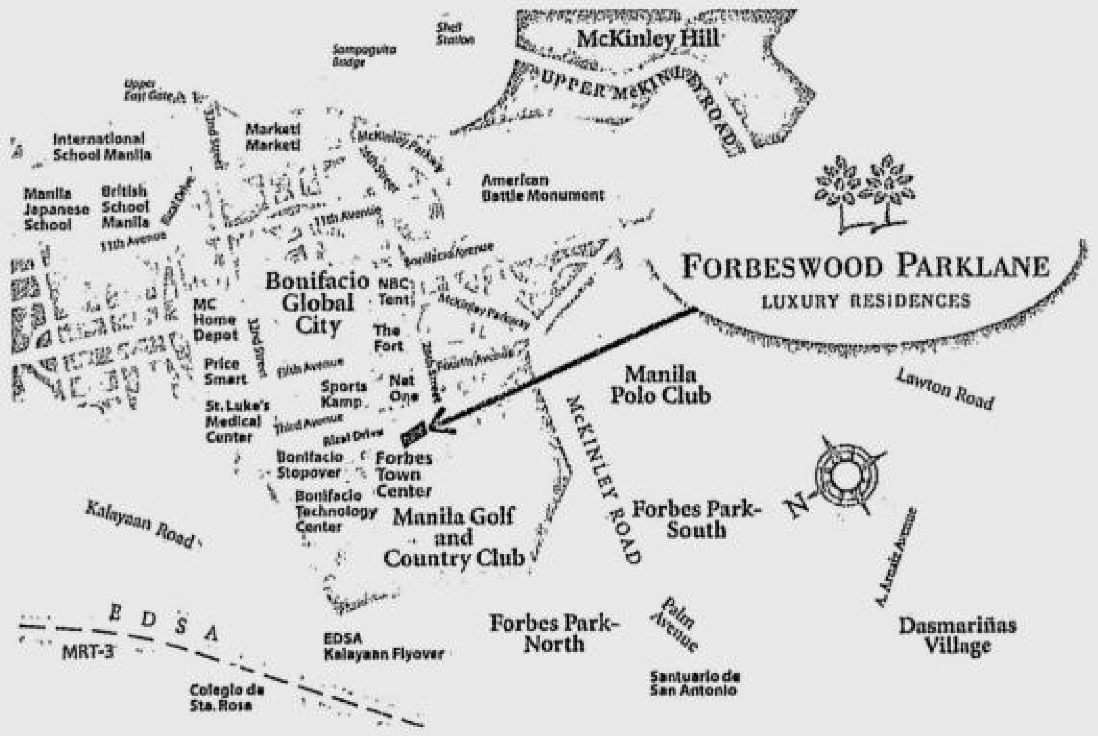
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LULI M. ARROYO

Her mother's daughter

PLAYTIME

By the Staff

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In what ways are you like your mom?

I guess our values are the same and we're both prayerful... To some people it's really uncanny the way we look alike, that I sound like her and we have the same mannerisms... Same height, same everything.

Are you spending a lot more time with your mom now—with this series of events that's been happening—than you used to?

I try to spend more time with her. I have my own work, but my hours are flexible, so, yes, I try to spend more time with her. And then there are also more requests for me to attend to ceremonial things that my dad used to do.

What work do you do?

I work in a non-profit called The Foundation for IT Education and Development. We deal with IT policy in Asia Pacific region. But within the Philippines we also do a lot of community work geared towards public high school teachers, training them to use technologies to enhance teaching method. It's not for teachers to teach IT literacy, it is for them to use the different technologies available to teach Math, Science, English and Filipino better... We cooperate with many other non-profits and foundations that give computer labs to schools and connectivity. So we focus on the training of the teachers.

Are you a techie yourself?

I used to be. But then, you know how fast the technology changes. So *talagang naku, patay, na*-overtake *na naman.* I remember when I was in grad school, and my mother came to visit. My computer—I just bought a generic one—would break down at times. So I would get my tool kit and open up the computer and fix the memory board. *Tapos sabi niya, "Ano ba naman niyan? Bakit ikaw ang gumagawa iyan, anak?" "Kasi mahal dito, 'Nay."* (laughter)

Did she buy you a new one?

No. *Kasi kami,* you have your budget, you live with it.

Even now?

Oo. Now, I work. I don't earn much but I am self-sustainable.

From Day One of the present crisis, were you aware of what was happening?

When is your Day One?

Let's just say when the wiretapping scandal blew up.

When that happened I was abroad and when I heard the source, I said, "Polluted source."

When did you come back?

Latter part of June.

Your mom had said that she had talked to the family and that the family had counseled her not to resign. Is that what happened?

To us *kasi*, my mother was elected the President. And she has that obligation to everyone who voted her. She has that obligation to our nation. No matter how hard it is for our family, it would be very selfish for us to tell her, "Give up." We'll never do that.

Did you ever hear her talk about the possibility of resigning?

My mother is not the type. And it is not "I am going to hold on to power." It's not that. It's really because this is the rule of law and this is the situation where she must continue her duties and responsibilities.

Did she ask the family for advice before the apology and "lapse in judgment" speech? Were you privy to that?

We were there when she made the apology. The whole family was there... To me, that she knows our family is always behind her is enough.

Was it her personal decision to apologize?

We never tell my mother what to do. To me, I think, for other people to tell her what to do, *kapal naman, medyo malakas ang dating.* You can advise the President what to do but ultimately it's a decision that she has to make. And we are there to support her.

In what ways do you give support to your mom these days?

Well, before, they would only ask me to do ceremonial stuff if the others were not available. But now, because *parang* I got moved up, I have to devote more time. It's really a matter of fixing my schedule.

Do you find yourself giving more personal attention to your mom these days?

I try to do that... Maybe I don't see my mom in the daytime but I sleep with her. *Basta yung paa namin magka*-connect *sa gabi.* (laughter) When I sleep with her, we have a big bed but we occupy only one-eighth of the bed *kasi ang liit-liit namin* (laughter).

Have you been sleeping with her a lot these past weeks?

Uh-huh.

Does she sleep soundly?

Yeah, *oo.*

Have you seen your mom cry?

Oo.

How about lately?

No.

What makes her cry usually?

Iba-iba. I guess, like any normal woman—frustration, betrayal, stuff like that. Or her children— like me, if something happens to me, then she feels for me.

There's been a lot of betrayal lately. Did

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Her mother's daughter

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that make her cry?

My mom is very focused on what needs to be done. So she doesn't dwell on the things that may cloud the path to work. She's really focused on work. And my mom doesn't let emotion get in the way. I mean, even in the way she deals with people, she would get upset because something was not done. But *hindi siya nagtatanim ng galit.* If you were able to fulfill what you were supposed to do before your deadline, or *kahit na lumampas* but you were able to do it right away after, then she'll acknowledge that you did it properly. And people don't realize that she's *mabait* that way.

Her reputation is *mataray, di ba*?

Because the media only take the part about her getting mad. They don't put the part where she says, "Oh, very good." That when she sees that guy again, she's smiling.

But doesn't your mom have a temper?

Even me, let's say you agree on a work program, on a deadline. If you don't do it, *mapipikon ako sa iyo.* My mom also gets upset that the work is not done. But if you were able to make amends so you've done what you were supposed to do, then she's fine. She doesn't get mad at the person, she gets upset at the situation. Because you're wasting government time and effort and you're not doing your service to the community.

It's hard to be president because your concern is 81 million people, 81 provinces and how many municipalities. *Dami niyan.* And if you're just wasting people's time and energy, how can she not get frustrated by that? Or get upset by that? But if she gives you the opportunity to actually be able to do the work and to fulfill what you said you were going to do, it's a chance that nobody else gives you. And that's what people don't see.

What's the most frustrating part about being in the middle of all this?

I'm not in the middle of all this. I am on the sidelines of all this.

Being on the sidelines of all this, what is the most frustrating part?

I just don't think my mother deserves all this. *Na* she's the *bruha* of the... you know. She doesn't deserve it at all. She works so hard and to be cast as, like, the bane of society is so... so unfair.

Are there particular people whom you just really hate, in the middle of all this?

I try not to have evil thoughts. (Laughter) Like I've said, I don't have the grace that my mother has, though I am working on it... I love my mother dearly, so *s'yempre* it cannot be helped that it crosses my mind, but I just move on.

Do your friends talk about the situation with you around?

My friends are very supportive. They say, "Let's have lunch, let's have *merienda*, dinner." And now, whenever we go somewhere, the waiters come and say, "Pakisabi naman sa nanay mo, *'wag syang magre*-resign." Ganyan. It's very heartwarming. *Talagang nakakataba ng puso.*

What do you say?

"*'Wag kayong mag-alala, hindi naman sya magi*-give up." Some give notes. "*Pakibigay naman sa nanay mo.*" And it's all very encouraging. [They say] "We're not big people and we're not in the media but, please, do not resign."

It's really fantastic. And then I even get free stuff because of that (laughter)... an extra dollop of salad dressing or something, just because of the goodwill that comes out of it.

But have some people changed toward you? Maybe not friends but others you've known.

Yes! My *lola* also said there's a time when you'll know who your real friends are. And that Friday, when they had that setup [protest rally] of trying to snowball a resignation from my mom, oh, you knew who your friends were then.

Do you think the print media has been unfair to your mom more than the broadcast media?

Media in general. And, to me, it's not the first time they have been unfair to the President, but that doesn't excuse it. It's no excuse *na "lahat naman ng Presidente intriga namin."* That doesn't make it right, *'di ba?*

Do you think the media was unfair to Erap?

My mother is not the first president the media has been beating up. I'm gonna leave it at that.

Do you feel like you've had to put your personal life on hold because of all this?

No. I do have a personal life and I like to keep it that way.

You said you have a personal life. But are there days when you say "I wish I could do this or do that"?

I don't think there is anything I've not been able to do that I would want to do regularly. The only difference is, well, I have to tell the security.

Has there been a day when you had no security?

No. That would be irresponsible of me.

You mean what happens in the movies is not true? You never try to get away from the security? You know— the thrill and the romance of it all?

Trying to get away is different. [True—she was spotted having dinner Thursday night with a date at Pepato.] But it's too irresponsible not to have it [the security]. *Kawawa naman sila.* It's their duty.

Do you have more bodyguards these days than before?

I can't really talk about my security. But there's no real change in my movement. And people say, "*O, bakit wala kang* security?" *Hindi niyo lang nakikita pero nandiyan sila!* (Laughter) *Yun lang,* very discreet.

> I do not have the strength of character to withstand politicking. My mother has that. But I think it's because she has the grace not to hold a grudge. I'm not yet in that state of Nirvana

So you don't feel that being a First Daughter is restricting your freedom?

Hindi naman. When my mother entered politics, I was already a college graduate. We weren't young anymore. We all talked about it before she entered politics.

My Lola Eva was the one who told us, "*Mahirap yang politika...*" Exactly what she said would happen to us is happening now. "Your family will be under attack. *Maraming maiimbento* about you. But that's the way it is. So you have to be strong."

Didn't anyone try to dissuade your mom from going into politics among you children?

No, because we knew her capability. We didn't want to hinder her ability to contribute to our country. *Parang,* how selfish of us if we were to do that. We were pretty grown up anyway. We didn't need her to come to our PTA meetings.

Of the three of you— Mikey, Dato and you—who do you think has the most influence on your mom?

My mom doesn't play favorites. She's very fair. Even when we were growing up *talagang pantay.* With my mom, if you're grounded you know why you're grounded and even if you try to reason and you make her *karinyo,* you need to learn that lesson. My dad was the type na "You're grounded!" *Magagalit, konting karinyo lang, o sige, sige,* lifted.

You must miss your dad...

Yeah, we're a family, so it's but natural. To us, even if we are not physically together, we're still a family and that continues. I think our bond as a family has always been there. We've been always doing things as a family—that was what my dad emphasized when we were growing up. Like when my brothers took up basketball, I had to take it up. When my brothers and I took up swimming, even my mother had to take swimming lessons. We had to do it as a family. So even now that we're not physically together, that bond is still there.

How often do you have contact with your father?

We send messages. We call once in a while. So he's there getting *mandos* from his grandchild.

Among the children, who is most like your mom?

I look like her (laughter)... Let's see, my mom very early on, when I was in grade school, told me, "You need to be more humble." I was doing well in school, *parang* Little Miss Know-It-All. So [she said] "You need to be more humble. You need to be open to learning and stuff because you don't know everything." I always carry that with me. So I always try to be more patient.

In what ways are you like your mom?

I guess our values are the same and we're both prayerful. Funny *nga,* one of my very good friends from Georgetown was in Vietnam the time my mother was on the cover of Asiaweek. As they passed the magazine stand, *parang* "Is that Luli?" ...I guess to some people it's really uncanny the way we look alike, that I sound like her and we have the same mannerisms. And then my *lola*'s friends say that, at my mom's age, that was the way my *lola* looked. Then when they see me, *ano ba yan?* Third generation na *pareho pa rin yung mukha.* Same height, same everything. I guess some *ugali* is the same.

Who's brainier?

Between me and my mom? Oh my mom has the greater capacity to absorb things. When it comes to numbers, (laughter) I'm like, "*Ano yung* 10 percent? *Magkano* tip *natin?*

Does she advise you on boys?

She's given up. (Laughter) *Hay naku!* My mom *kasi,* the way she brought me up was the way she was brought up. So she said, "Okay, *ako pinayagan ako* to go to mixed parties at 15 but with chaperone. And at 16, *okay na walang* chaperone." So that's what they did with me.

My mom expected—not expected—but for her the natural flow is that after college, after your studies, you get married. So for her, *parang,* "*Bakit yung mga anak ko ang tagal.*" And we're like, "Mom, it's different now."

So my mom has been keeping an heirloom piece from my *lola,* my great grandmother, to give to me when I get married. She gave it to me last year, "*kasi kung hihintayin ko pa yun, hindi ko na ito mabibigay sa iyo 'to.*" She gave it to me on my birthday (Laughter) So *ako yung,* "Yahoo! *Panalo!*" (Laughter)

Have you thought about what you'll do when your mom leaves office?

I know what I'm gonna do. I mean, I have several options. One is to enter the foreign service, finally. I still want to pursue a career in diplomacy, but whether it's in our foreign service or in an international organization remains to be seen.

The other option is to get into marine biology because I think we need more people to work on the marine environment.

Do you look forward to the day your mom leaves office?

Oo naman. We've been brought up to see the presidency as a position of responsibility and sacrifice for the family. It's not a position of privilege or a position of perks. It is an honor to be here, we're respectful of the position, but I will be very happy to go back to my normal life.

What is the biggest sacrifice you've had to make for your mom's presidency?

Let me count the ways... (Laughter)

Are you closer to your dad or your mom?

I'm close to both and it's a different relationship with both. With my mom, she knows when I need her. Even now that she's the President, she knows. I don't tell her anything. She just knows and give me comfort and support.

What are those instances when you need her?

Iba-iba.

Matters of the heart?

Sometimes. Sometimes work, career development. But she doesn't tell me what to do. She just provides support, which is what I love about my mom.

My dad is very *karinyoso* and we're also close, but he always sees me as his 12-year-old. *Parang,* "How old are you *na nga? Diba* 12?" "Dad, *may apo ka na! Hindi pwedeng* 12 years old *pa rin ako.*" Sometimes, he asks me, "Can you speak on my behalf?" Then when he hears me he gets surprised, "*Ang galing, okay ka pala ha!*" "Dad, *matanda na ako.*" (Laughter) So he can be the proud parent sometimes.

Can you describe your older brother [Pampanga Rep. Mikey Arroyo]?

My older brother is a very happy-go-lucky person. He is the first grandson of my *lola* on my mom's side, and my great grandmother, *inabutan pa siya.* So very, very loved. Because of that confidence, he will talk to anybody, *matayog ka mang tao* or *maliit kang tao.* Like, on the movie set, he knows the names of all the assistants, of all the *karpintero* and *kargador.* None of the other actors do.

In La Vista, my brothers would play basketball with the people from neighboring communities—Kaingin, Pansol. *Yung mga kaibigan namin* are from there. My brothers would go there. We don't have friends depending on their status in life. My brother [Mikey] is *mahawak,* his personality is like that, and some people can't take it.

Isn't that personality perfect for politics?

That's why among us, *siya yung pumasok.* But to my brother's credit, he studied. *Hindi* just because he had the personality. He really studied and there was a time my mom, every time we sat for breakfast, would give him an oral exam: "What's your stand on this?" Because of that he's very conscientious about his duties. So he was in Congress every day.. That's something the papers don't usually talk about. And it's not just *para ma*-check *yung* attendance *niya.* He really would go to the sessions, and not just the main sessions on the floor but his committee meetings. He attended those and you can't say that about all your congressmen.

You think he's going back to politics?

He might, he might not.

What about you?

It's not in my personality. I do not have the strength of character to withstand politicking. My mother has that. But I think it's because she has the grace not to hold a grudge. I'm not yet in that state of Nirvana.

There have been times when your brother, being in show biz, was involved in *tsismis.* Did your mom ever call his attention?

Kasi to us *naman,* we know the truth. It's not what's printed on the paper that matters. It is what is actually happening. So we don't let *tsismis* run our lives because it's part of show business, it's part of politics. It's not something that we will let ruin our family.

Do you read surveys? Do you even bother with surveys?

Well, I see the news but, to me, it is not what moves me to do things in the morning. If I have to read a survey that says if I should go to the *banyo* now or have breakfast first, I'm never gonna do anything.

They must mean something to the President.

To my mother, she does not... For instance, with the VAT, it's not popular at all but she had to do it. Because if she didn't do it, if it's not done under this presidency, *kelan pa maaayos ang budget ng gobyerno?*

Now there's a restraining order on the VAT.

But that is the process, right? Because some funny person from the opposition requested the Supreme Court. If my mother were Marcosian, then she could have just ignored the Supreme Court, but we have to go through that process.

In my family we're really very good about following procedures and processes. I remember I had a complaint against a taxi driver and I filed my complaint... My younger brother also had an experience. There's this woman whom they saved from a rapist and they brought her and the rapist to the *presinto.* She was very grateful that my brother helped her and all that. The police said you need to file your case. *Ayaw na lang ng babae kase mahaba ung proseso.* My brother was so frustrated.

You want society to have a certain standard, but if you're not willing to go through the procedure, you do not deserve the society that you're aspiring for. Democracy is very difficult, the onus is on the citizen. *Talagang matrabaho* for the citizen. And if we're not prepared to follow the procedure, then we'll never get out of this instant gratification fixation.

What do you do for fun?

I love water sports. Scuba diving, surfing. It's fantastic!

Where do you surf?

Philippines, around the country. I cannot name the spots *kasi magagalit yung mga* surfers (laughs). My parents used to surf in the '60s, so that's something I picked up from them. It's wonderful.

Have you surfed as a family or scuba dived?

As a family, yes, we have gone scuba diving together. Surfing, I've done surfing with my dad, but not yet with my mom.

Are you good in business?

No. That's why I work for a nonprofit. (Laughter)

Pano yan, di ka yayaman?

Money is not the be-all and end-all (laughs). One of the good things about being single is all your money can go to how you want to live your life. So mine goes to scuba diving, surfing, travels.

Are you planning to remain single?

I don't feel compelled to get married.

I think that we're past those days...

Oh, you'll be surprised. In business, society, my goodness. Before *pa,* I'd be prox *ninang* in weddings *sa* provinces. "N *pakilala ko sa yo yung anak kong lalaki*" (Laughter) "Ah, *ganon ho ba?*" "Senior *na siya sa* high school" (laughter). "*Pwede k na ho syang maging anak.*" (Laughter)

Don't your parents push you to get married?

Hindi na, give up *na.* They have *apo na* eh. I'm scot-free.

Are you an early riser?

When I'm on vacation, I am. *Kasi* when you're on vacation you're so excited to start the day but when it's the regular work day, *talagang* alarm, snooze. But *bakasyon,* I'm up early on my own, *walang* alarm.

What time of the day do you do your best work?

When I have to write, it has to be when it's quiet so usually it happens after regular office hours. During the day you're busy doing meetings and other stuff. But the writing happens after working hours

I write for my sanity. I write for this local—have your heard of Mango Jam?—it's this manga comics for girls, locally made. My friends from college, very lit people, artsy, asked me to do a travel column and I love it. The audience is 12- to 16-year-old girls. Fun!

Do you work out? How do you keep fit?

Yeah, but not every day. *Kasi* you have to be fit, *lalo na sa* surfing. Even *sa* scuba, the capacity of your lungs has to be good.

Does your mom have time for fitness?

Yes, that's part of her regular schedule because as President you have the responsibility to be physically and mentally fit

What do you think is the ideal scenario to end the present situation?

The ideal scenario would be [for] the Philippines to be a mature, democratic country with respect for institutions.

To me, it's not just what happens in this term. It is a long-term goal and aspiration. It is a long-term vision for our country.

But, in particular, where it concerns your mom's presidency, how do you want it to end?

My mother already knew that the h reforms had to be done under her, so that's the role of her presidency, that's f my family is prepared for that. Sh gonna do it.

Does she sleep soundly?

Yeah, *oo*.

Have you seen your mom cry?

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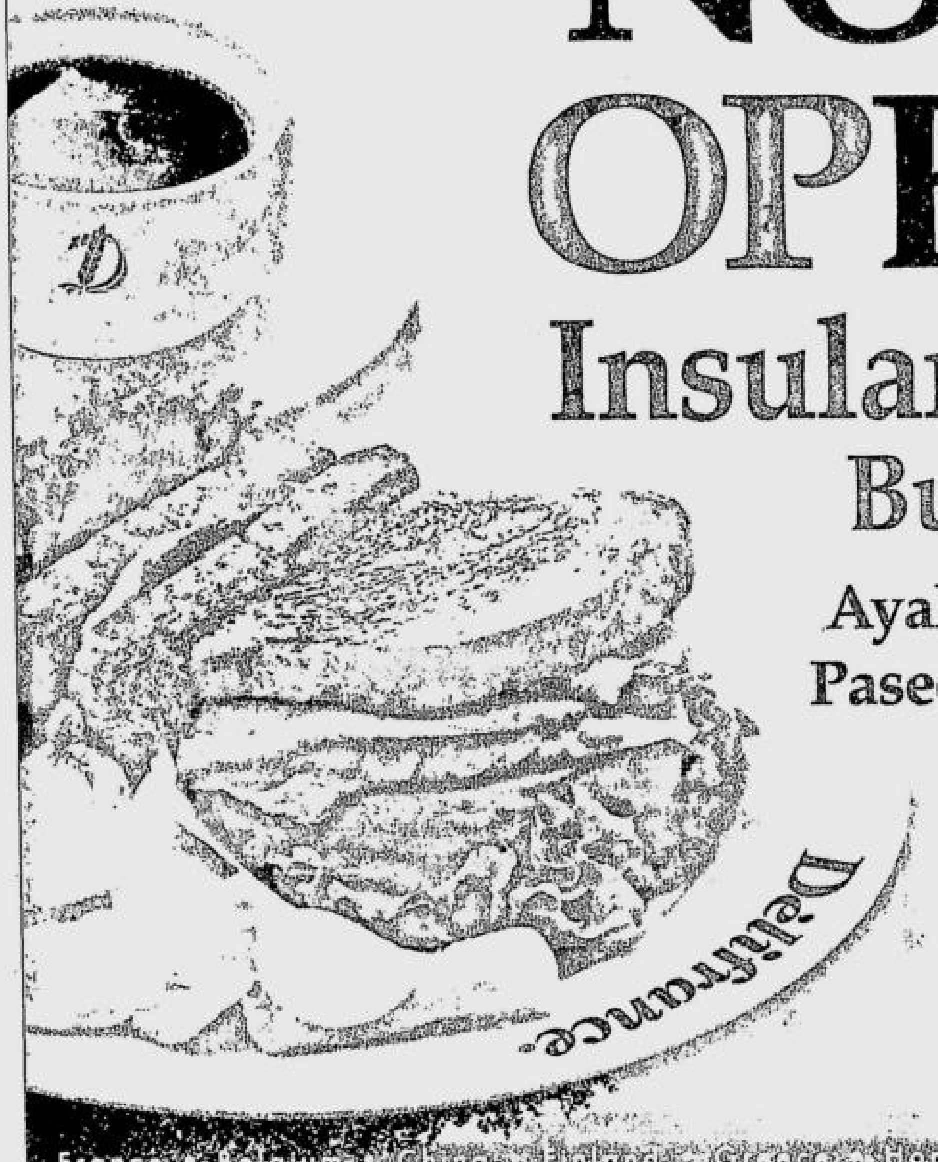

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'Caysasay' musical a rousing success

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Josephine Darang

THE GOOD thing about Taal, Batangas, is the presence of men and women committed to preserving their cultural heritage and propagating the devotion to Our Lady of Caysasay, their patroness.

For "Ang Mapaghimalang Birhen ng Caysasay," staged recently at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Little Theater, the Taal-Charm Foundation, Taal Heritage Foundation and Blessed Virgin of Caysasay Foundation sold tickets and got people to see it.

Executive producer Ramon Orlina worked the hardest at raising P1.5 million for production expenses, getting sponsors and working every step of the way with CCP artistic director Nanding Josef; scriptwriter-director Nestor Torre; Ryan Cayabyab, who wrote the music; Rito Asilo and Noelani Torre, who wrote the lyrics of songs to the Virgin; and musical arranger Jun Murillo.

Ramon was obsessed with putting the Caysasay musical on stage as much as his mother Paulina Gahol Orlina, who dreamt of doing it in 1982 in Taal but was discouraged by some people.

The cast received standing ovations from an audience moved to tears by the haunting melodies.

Mimi Noble, secretary of Taal-Charm, said she cried every time she saw the play. I myself was crying on the first night because I remembered my brother Pompeyo, whom I brought to the shrine in 2003, and how Fr. Carlo Magno put the image on his head. Although my brother has lost a lot of weight, he is still alive, undergoing dialysis twice a week.

On tour

Ramon was asked to bring the musical to other places like Batangas City, Lipa City, Balayan and Lucena. He is also willing to bring the play to the Visayas and Mindanao. Those interested can text him at 0917-5315108.

Ogie Alcasid, Cocoy Laurel and Ryan Cayabyab only got honoraria for their work. A week after the show, Ivy Violan, who played the mother with cancer, went to the shrine.

BASILICA of St. Martin of Tours in Taal is the "home" of Our Lady of Caysasay three days a week.

Healing Masses are held at the shrine at 8 a.m. every Saturday. The new parish priest is Fr. Bong Panganiban. Those who want *estampitas* can write to me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Orlina said without his wife Lay-Ann, he would not have been able to go on with the production. Lay-Ann cooked food for the cast during rehearsals. She also sold a lot of tickets.

Taal-Charm Foundation

In 1987, the Taal-Church Historical and Authentic Restoration Movement (Charm) was set up to restore the Basilica of St. Martin de Tours, the biggest church in the Far East. Original members of the foundation, which became official in 1989, were Mely Mitra, chair, and Waldy Solis, Emiliana Noble Tamayo, Bro. Amado Carandang and Herminia Alcasid.

The present officers are Gumercindo Ilagan, president; Marina de Castro, VP for internal affairs; engineer Antonio Goco, VP for external affairs; Mimi Noble, secretary; Menchit Lota, assistant secretary; Herminia Alcasid, Delia Lota, treasurers; Virgie Bruce, auditor; and Rudy Estacio, PRO. Spiritual director is Msgr. Alberto Boongaling.

For many years, the image of Our Lady of Caysasay was brought on Wednesday mornings to the basilica and returned to the shrine in Barrio Labac on Saturday afternoons. Now the image will be brought to the basilica only on the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in October; Nov. 11, feast day of St. Martin de Tours; and Dec. 9, *fiesta* of the Virgin of Caysasay.

Taal Heritage Foundation

Information provided by Dindo Montenegro, former PRO of the Taal Heritage Foundation, shows the group is committed to preservation and tourism development of Taal. The original Taal Heritage Commission was set up in 1991 with Ligaya Tankeh as chair. It became the Taal Heritage Foundation in 1996.

Officers are Ligaya Tankeh, chair; Fe Cabrera, vice-chair; Edith Okada, secretary; Anna Marie Moreno, assistant secretary; Delia Lota, treasurer; Ermelia Mitra; and Ma. Concepcion Noche, legal adviser.

Blessed Virgin of Caysasay Foundation

The foundation was set up in 2003 when devotees like Ambassador Raul Goco, his wife Marietta Primicias-Goco, Sally Gonzalez, Ramon Orlina, Teodoro Luansing and many others decided to have a grand celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the image of the Virgin of Caysasay in the Pansipit River by Juan Maningcad.

Since the Virgin visited the Greenbelt Chapel in 2003, many miracles had happened including the publication of the Caysasay Magazine in 2004 and now the musical.

Ambassador Goco is chair, while Teodoro Luansing is president. Other officers are Ramon Orlina, VP; Sally Gonzalez, secretary and executive director; Melitz Mitra, assistant secretary; Marietta Goco, treasurer; Delia Lota and Fe Cabrera, auditors.

Happy birthday

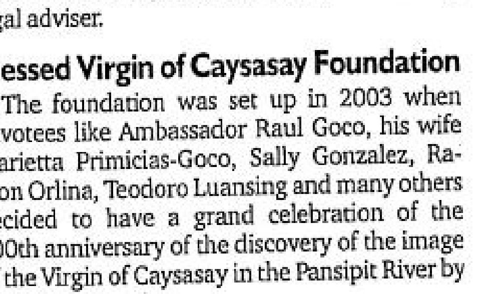
Msgr. Jaime Mora, who says Holy Mass at 4 p.m. every Saturday at the Bambino de Aracoeli Chapel in Filipinas Paradise Complex, Naic, Cavite, will celebrate his birthday today with a luncheon at the La Posada Clubhouse. Msgr. Mora is known to have built the Christ the King Church in Greenmeadows, Quezon City.

Searching

A faithful reader and friend, Bobby Bautista, is asking for information on Blanca Figueroa, a star in the Manila Opera House in the '40s. Bobby's cell phone no. is 0918-6263191.

Poor souls

The Prayer Warriors of the Holy Souls will hold their 13th Foundation Day Celebration on July 30, with Thanksgiving Mass at 10 a.m. at the Manila Seedling Bank Compound Chapel. A P200 ticket covers food and ten bingo games.



CCP artistic director Nanding Josef, scriptwriter and director Nestor Torre and "Caysasay" executive producer Ramon Orlina

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Never too late for heartwarming affairs

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

TALK about impeccable timing! Arriving extremely late at the sports-themed birthday bash of telecom magnate **Manny Pangilinan**, I (together with Philippine Tatler's **Anton San Diego**) was caught red-handed as the stage happened to be adjacent to the entrance of Le Soufflé Restaurant. My grand entrance interrupted the evening's host, INQUIRER Super's **Tim Yap**, in mid-spiel.

Unflappable Tim simply announced that we must be the partyphiles for the midnight cocktails, then continued with his program by starting the birthday song. I was almost impressed with his singing voice until I realized the melodious tunes were from **Ogie Alcasid** and **Christian Bautista.**

Tim then gave a toast to the celebrator, MVP, whom he mistakenly tagged as "the world's greatest alcoholic" instead of "workaholic." Aside from me, Tim is one of the few hosts who can get away with a major gaffe like that.

As the sporty tycoon went to blow out the candles on his multilayered cake, MVP proudly said, "I am so glad that U.P. slamdunked La Salle in their basketball match today." I guess the Atenean CEO of PLDT, the country's largest telecommunications company, was still smarting after La Salle had beaten his alma mater in a previous game.

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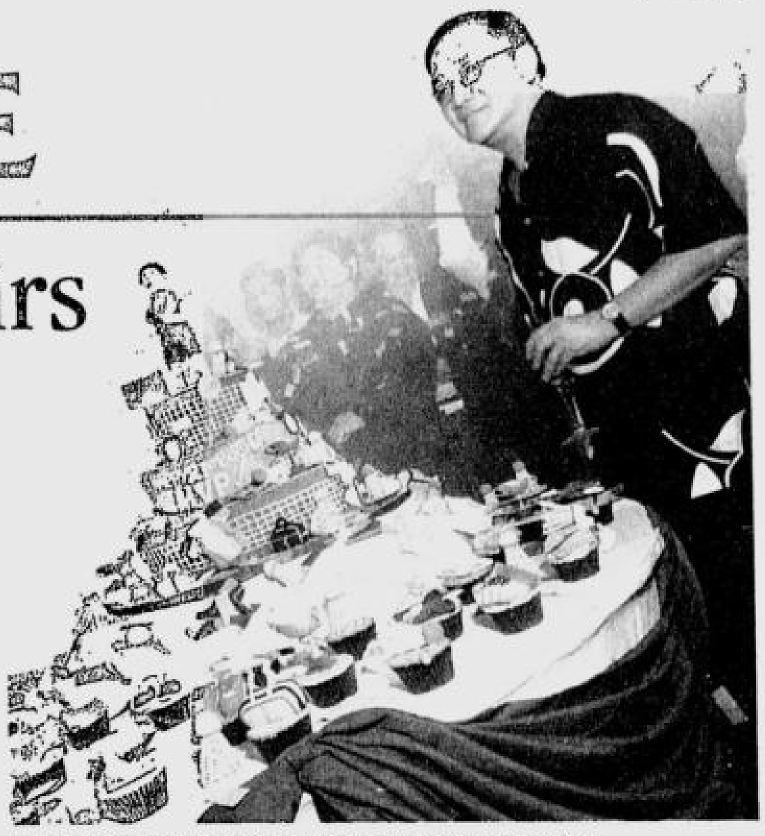


PLDT chair Manny Pangilinan turns another year wiser.

A Twist to Dips

The historical blood compact signing between Datu Sikatuna, a local chieftain of Bool (now Bohol) and Captain Miguel Lopez de Legaspi, Spanish explorer and colonizer, is commemorated annually in Tagbilaran as a celebration of friendship.

This is the inspiration behind the "Sandugo Festival" of Bohol.

Like these friendship treaties of the past, today's celebrations center around the table as fiesta merrymakers exchange new ways of bonding through the most popular way to anyone's heart: the palate!

A Dip Among Friends

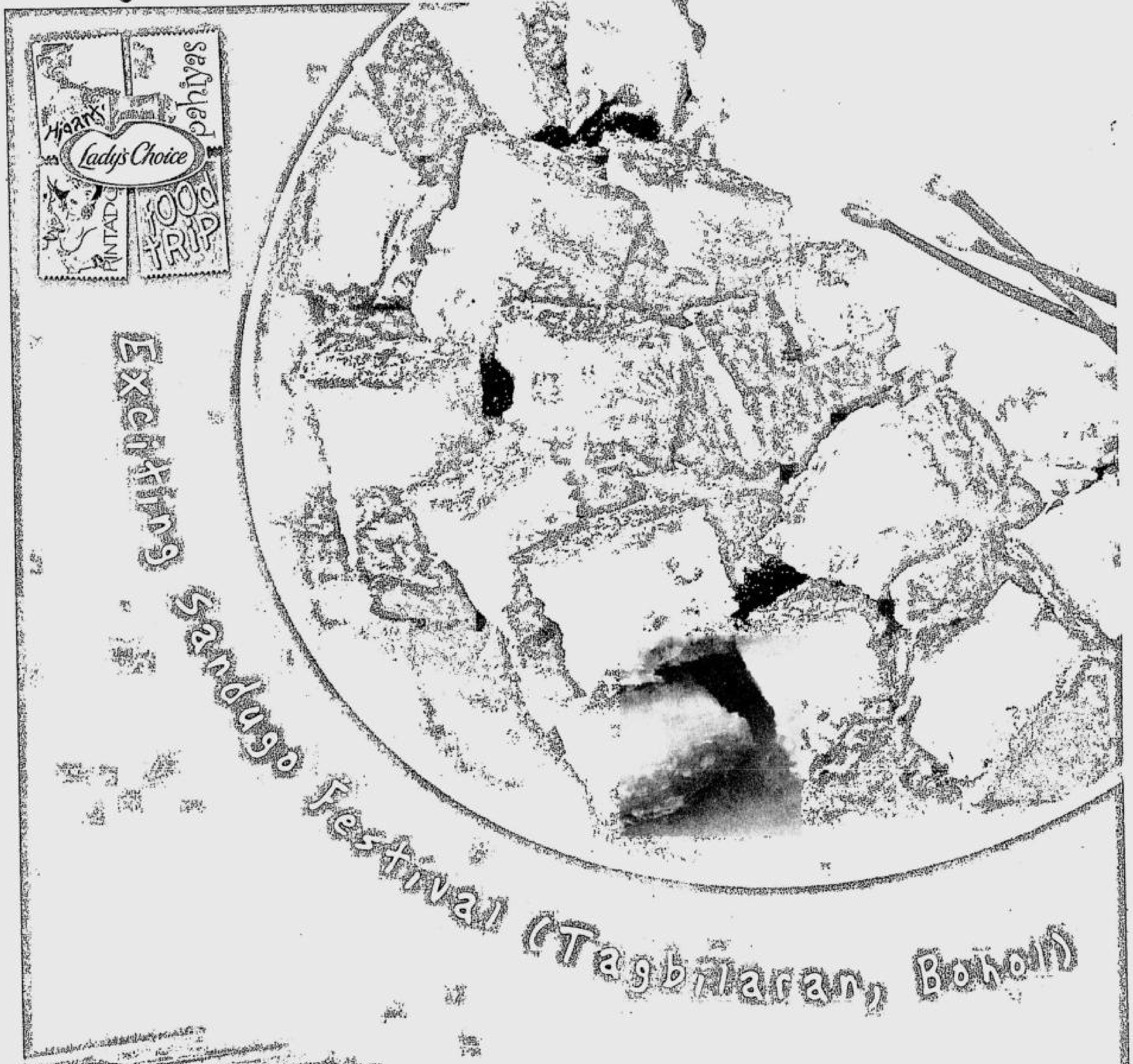
"Birthdays in our family are big occasions and I always use Lady's Choice. I even display it in my cabinet because I always use it. Your activity is interesting," says Amalia Tirol, Board Member of the 2nd District of Tagbilaran City, referring to the Lady's Choice Food Trip held at the Harbor View Hall of the Bohol Tropics Resort. Lady's Choice has been visiting major fiestas in the country to whet appetites of foodies with creative dips made with Lady's Choice Mayonnaise.

"I learned a lot! I didn't realize you could mix flavors of Bohol with Lady's Choice Mayonnaise. Ang sarap!" exclaimed Grenie Aumentado, wife of Bohol Governor Eric Aumentado. She was amazed at the "Humba Dip" that she created by simply mixing Lady's Choice Mayonnaise with a portion of Humba.

As the Lady's Choice Food Trip travels around the country during fiesta celebrations, more dip revelations and creations will be discovered.

Anyone can be creative in exploring new and exciting ways to put more spark among friends with just a little help from Lady's Choice Mayonnaise.

(Top) Grenie Aumentado and her friend Sheila Calimpusan happily concoct their own dip while Jeff Sinajon of DYRD looks on.
(Bottom) Bohol VIP's with the Lady's Choice Food Trip Team



Exciting Sandugo Festival (Tagbilaran, Bohol)

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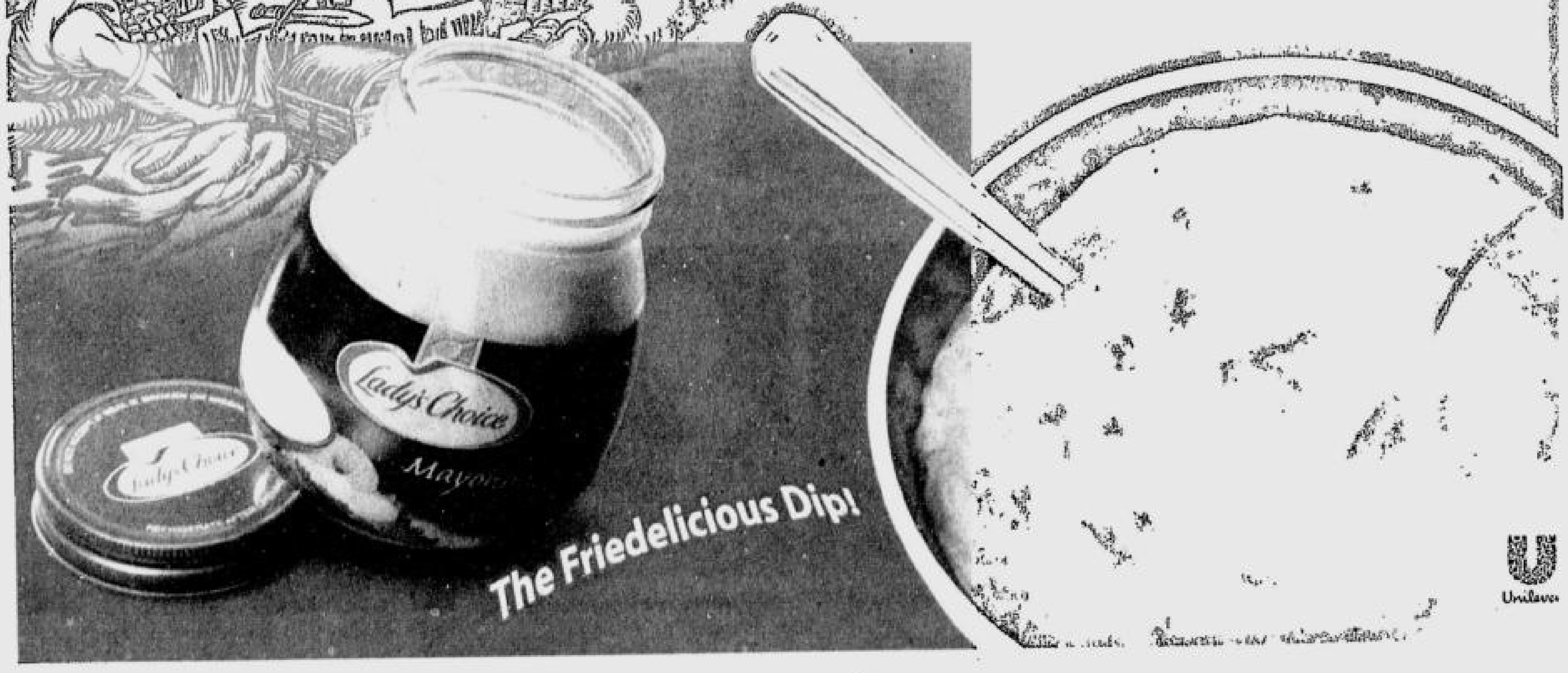

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METRO's Romina Urra-Gonzales and T's Micheline Suarez

BAG designer Amina Aranaz and Karen Vera

HSBC's Claire Yap and T's Tish Garcia

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Highlight

Despite his billions in assets, it is wonderful to know that MVP has a passion for other things aside from making money. This year's celebration was highlighted by the first MVP Cup, a badminton championship featuring the world's top players in Asia and Europe. I hope this regular tournament now puts our country on the international circuit.

A badminton fanatic myself, I was eager to attend the games thanks to the tickets sent by Smart's hardworking girl, **Julie Carceller**. But as I was watching the live telecast on Solar Sports and noticed the whole Philsports Arena filled with spectators fanning themselves, I opted to just stay in the cooler comforts of my room and continue nursing my baby in between matches.

The arena's air-conditioning system had to be shut because it was affecting the flight of the shuttlecocks. So the audience got to sweat as well while watching the "Tiger Woodses" of badminton. **Lin Dan**, from China, scored points for the more-favored Asian team. I was most interested though with one of the European doubles players from Great Britain. **Nathan Robertson** looks like a rugged **Ethan Hawke**, and he played brilliantly with partner **Gail Emms**. Both defeated our home favorites, sibling champions **Kennivic** and **Kennie Asuncion**.

Later this year, my Assumption high school classmates will once again do a badminton fundraiser. I can only hope the event will be as successful and well-attended as the MVP Cup. One thing for sure, our loot bags will be more generous than the Smart fans they were giving away.

Low-impact sport

Getting back into shape is still my first order of the day. Over the weekend, I played badminton for 15 minutes with my son **Tyrone** in the Tagaytay Highlands courts. That evening, I had a fever and a terrible headache. I guess my body was telling me it's not yet time to do anything more strenuous than walking. Like any fitness regimen, one has to get into it very slowly.

YOUNG, hip accessories designer Ciara Marasigan

> I say our country can move forward if we all become more nationalistic by continuing to generate economic activities—like shopping!

My solution has been to focus on the ultimate low-impact sport: shopping. Walking leisurely in an air-conditioned mall can start activating any muscles. With the new promotion of the HSBC Red Card enabling the cardholder to win a 1.39-carat, solitaire diamond ring, the temptation to swipe the Red Card is just too irresistible.

HSBC's Love Yourself promo was launched in chic, classy Mezze Restaurant in Greenbelt, the same day as the big rally in Makati. When the tough go rallying, the tougher go shopping. I say our country can move forward if we all become more nationalistic by continuing to generate economic activities—like shopping!

After a sumptuous meal of asparagus and cheddar fondue, oxtail and marrow soup, Mesclun greens, sautéed snapper with mango and ginger, all topped off with a crème brulee and chocolate soufflé, HSBC's **Marion Balagot** explained the simple mechanics of the promo. For every P300 purchase, the cardholder gets a raffle ticket. No more waiting for Mr. Right to get that brilliant diamond ring. With women nowadays being more empowered and independent, they can just use the HSBC Red Card and hopefully get their own diamond ring.

"If you were to buy what your heart desires with your credit card, what would it be?" I asked the ladies at the lunch. Being mostly fashion editors and writers, most said a month-long vacation! Answers also included designer clothes, bags and shoes, a BMW 7 series and world peace. Nocturnal writer **JR Isaac** even wished for the fountain of youth as he tried to convince HSBC's PR **Laine Santana** to come up with a Pink Card.

Heartwarming affairs

Last week started and ended with enlightening and heartwarming affairs, both sponsored by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and HSBC. Presented by PLDT, the Greater Love benefit concert was produced by cancer survivor **EJ Litton** and held at the Rockwell Tent. Featuring numerous performers like Side A, South Border, Freestyle, **Nina** and **Paolo Santos**, the concert generated funds for Kythe Foundation, which helps cancer-stricken kids who can't afford treatment.

Friends and family of EJ attended the concert to show him how well-loved and blessed he is. It is really through giving that we receive more.

Inspirational book

The "Little Book of Miracles and Answered Prayers" is a compilation of stories about faith and love, by Bunny Reyes. Printed by Print Town, the inspirational book was launched in the Turf Room of the Manila Polo Club with a dinner and an Oprah-style interview of three guests, including me. My answered prayer from my Wednesday Perpetual Help novena is my baby **Athena**.

The emotional sharing of **Gina de Venecia**, about coping with the loss of her daughter KC, got the guests in tears. Her personal tragedy helped Gina renew and reinforce her faith and become a more hopeful person. Indeed, appreciating life does not have to happen after great loss. Life alone is worth celebrating; happiness should be shared with all.

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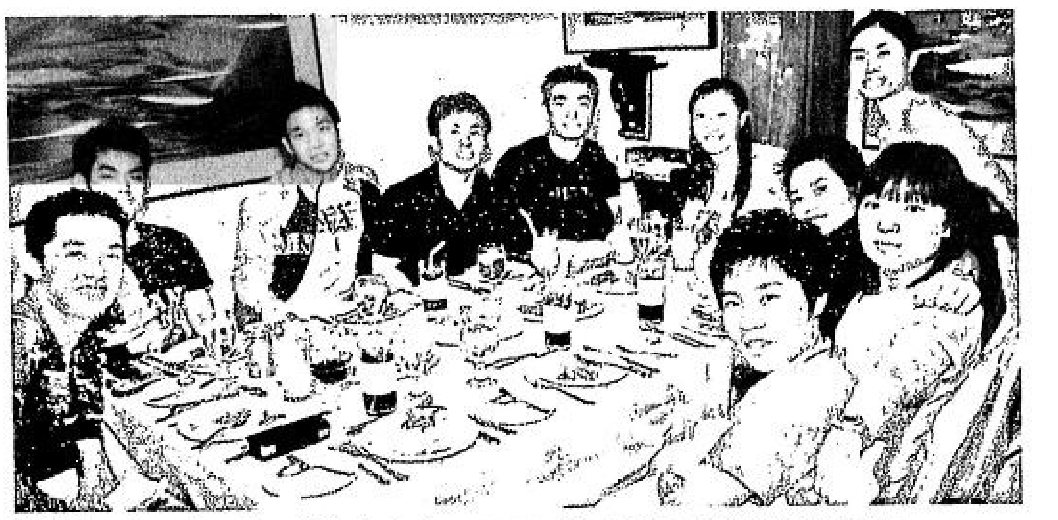
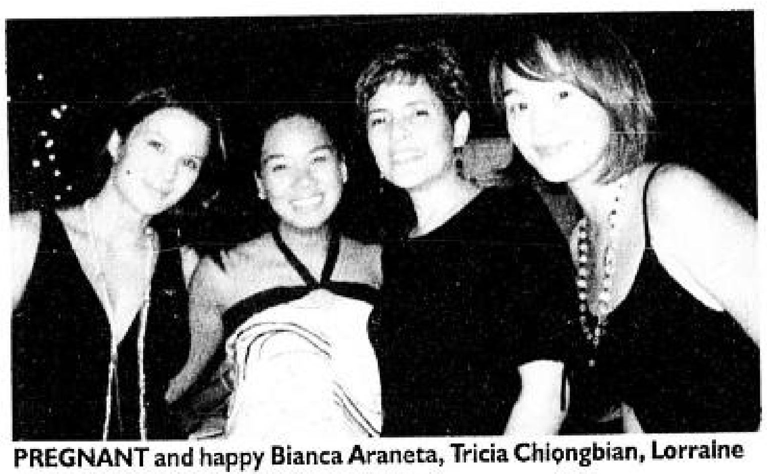

MVP Cup champions from Asia, including our own Kenniević and Kennie Asuncion

TOP European badminton players enjoying dinner at Le Soufflé

ALL smart and talented: Louie Ocampo, Tim Yap, Regine Velasquez, MVP, Ogie Alcasid and Christian Bautista


PREGNANT and happy Bianca Araneta, Tricia Chiongbian, Lorraine Belmonte and Celine Gabriel

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"TV Patrol" babe Phoemela Baranda and EJ Litton

ASSUMPTION ladies Lisa Periquet, Lizette Cojuangco and Janine Dario

HSBC's Marion Balagot, MasterCard's Judith Dayrit and HSBC's Annete Tirol

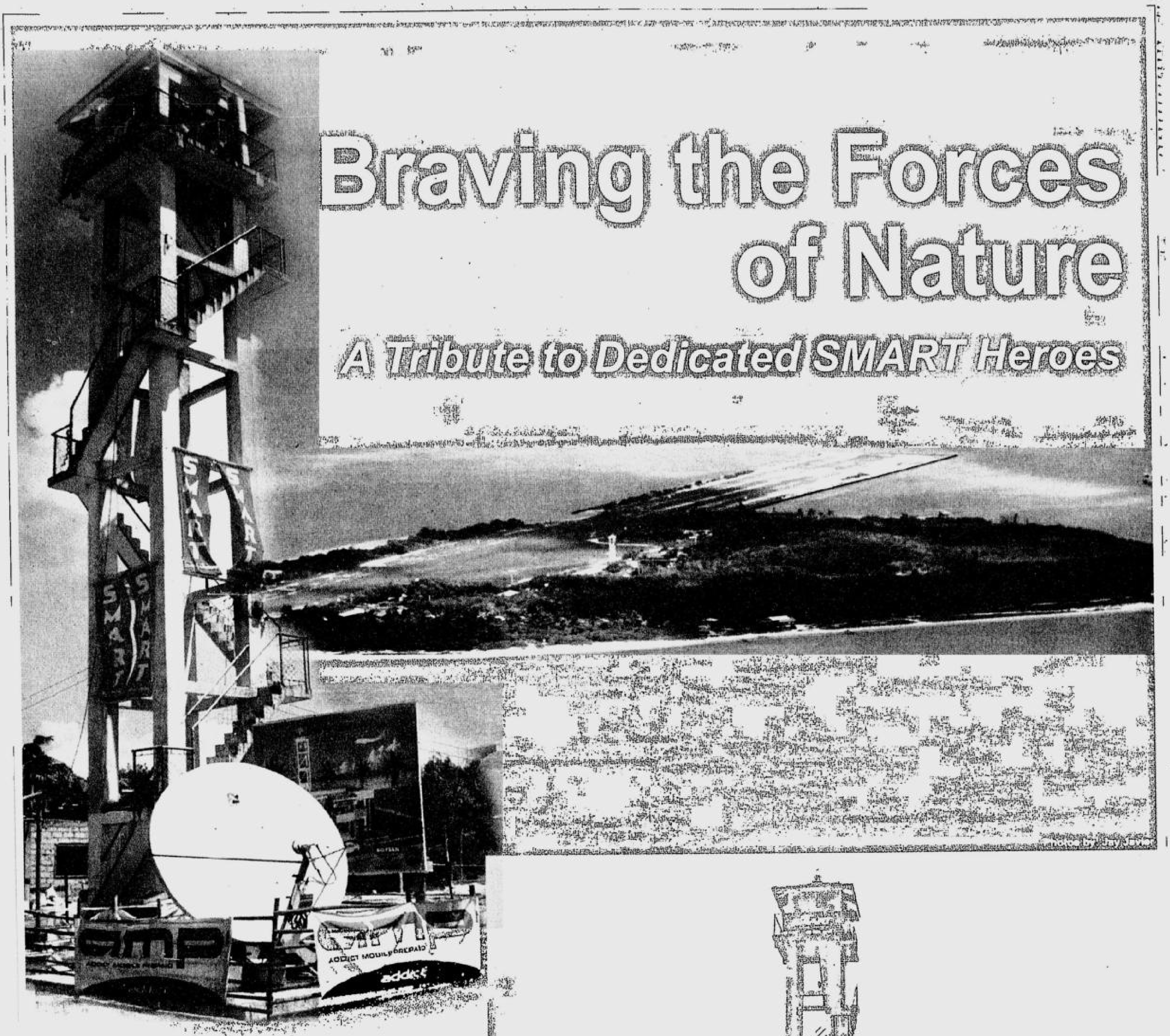
PRINT Town's Alex Reyes and Tony Lilles

INSPIRING lady Gina de Venecia and Rep. Girlie Villarosa

SIDE A's Joey Generoso with the Littons and the people of Kythe Foundation

Braving the Forces of Nature

A Tribute to Dedicated SMART Heroes



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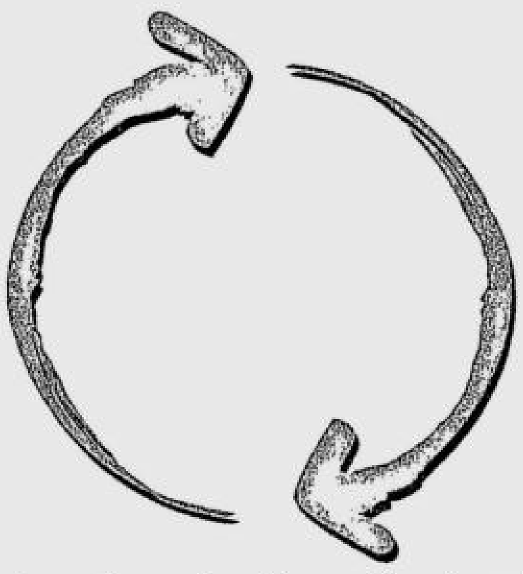

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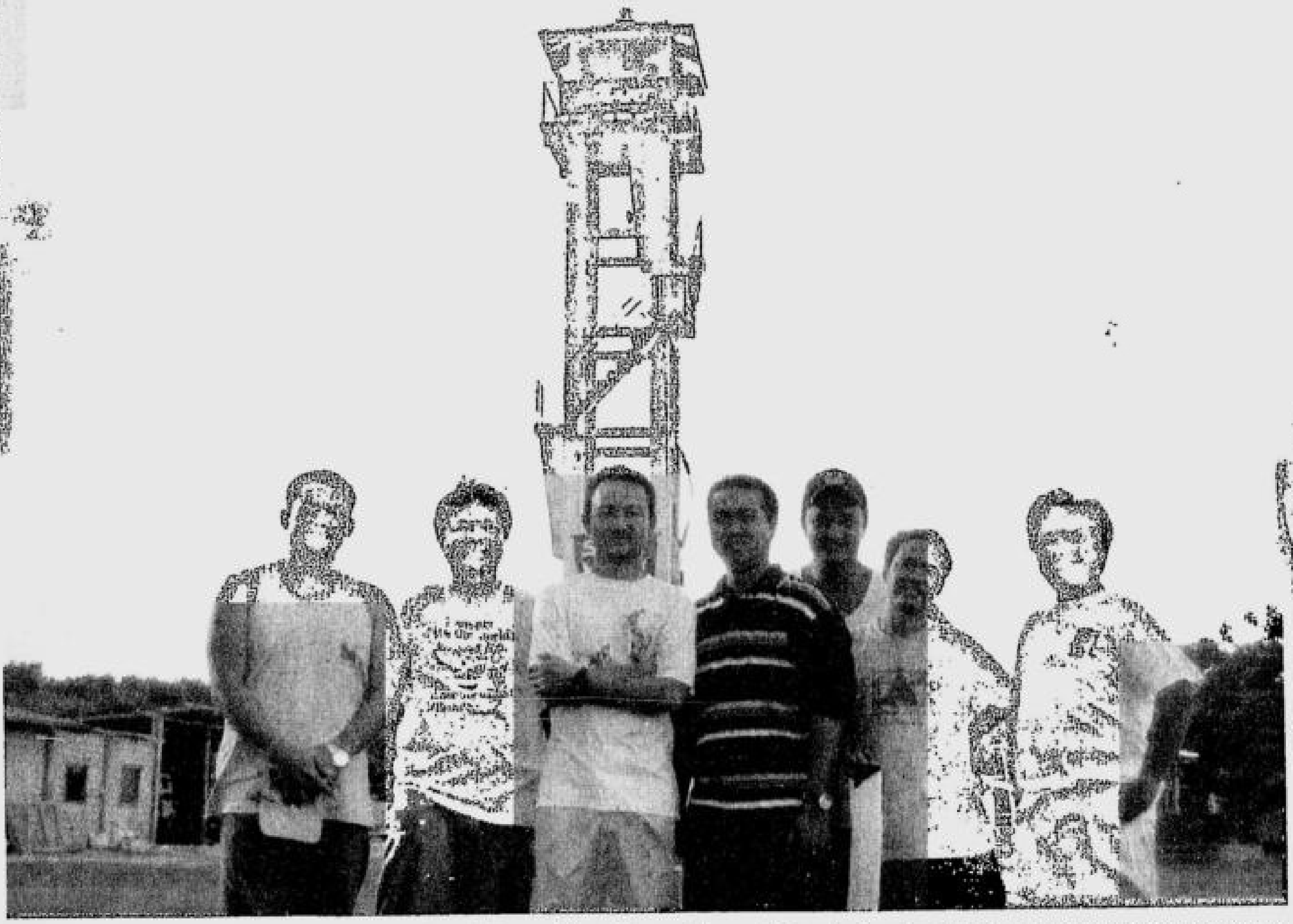

(L-R) NSD-Network Services Assurance South Luzon Head Roger Flores, Network Services Division-Project Management and Implementation Manager Vladimir Pascual, Lawrence Villalobos (EDGECOMM), Guds Cabrera, Trends and Technologies contractors Francis and Brad, and Roilan Luce

It should have been a routine assignment for Engineer Roger Flores, SMART Communications' Head of Operations in Southern Luzon, along with the rest of his team—Vladimir Pascual, Roilan Luce, Lawrence Villalobos and Guds Cabrera in tow. They set out on a continuing SMART mission, ensuring the widest coverage for subscribers with still another cellsite in a far-flung corner of the Philippines.

The team began their trip to Pag-asa—a tiny atoll in the Kalayaan island group at least 500km away from mainland Puerto Princesa in Palawan. The remoteness of the site, plus the absence of scheduled ferries to transport the team and the equipment to Kalayaan required the assistance of two members of the firm contracted to install the equipment, and Kalayaan councilor Joel Besa, municipal engineer Allan Erinos. The plan had been ironed out and was ready to be executed: install a connect site base station, which offers more portability than the traditional base station but provides the same 20km radius coverage.

Setting off on June 4, what should have been a 48-hour crossing on a motorboat became a terrifying 7-day ordeal for the team. Mother Nature was clearly not on their side. They had caught the tail-end of Typhoon "Dante" as it howled out of the country, which unfortunately for them still had enough wrath to create 10-foot high waves that mercilessly rocked their boat and had all of them clinging on for dear life. The sky had turned an eerie dark grey much earlier than anticipated, and all they could see were gigantic white-capped waves surrounding them, slamming into the boat and flooding the deck with water. To make matters worse, the pump that siphoned off the flooding on board suddenly malfunctioned. "Akala namin katapusan na namin" ("We thought we'd never make it"), recounted Flores later on. "Nakulitan yata si Lord sa amin", he joked as he recalled how at one point almost everyone on board were praying out loud.

Indeed, God works in mysterious ways and, their mission being one that would improve the lives of inhabitants of their tiny destination, they lived to tell the tale. They landed on Pag-asa on June 10. After a warm welcome from the Philippine Air Force Detachment 570, the 355th Aviation and Engineering Wing and the Philippine Navy based in Pag-asa, Flores and his team carried out their assignment. Within seconds of completion, text messages and voice calls were sent and received. Many were happy ones; others highly emotional, as was one particular call made by a soldier who had not seen his wife and newborn for months since being deployed to Pag-asa.

Flores and Pascual spent much of the rest of the day sharing load with members of the island's small community. "That is the immeasurable return on investment on installing a cellsite in the middle of nowhere", Pascual said.

SMART is proud of Engineer Roger Flores and his team, as well as everyone who stared down death during those dreary June days. It might have been a white-knuckled ride for all of them, but because of their courage and dedication to SMART and its subscribers, more and more people all over the country can stay connected with their friends and loved ones, wherever they may be.

And that's one thing even the forces of nature cannot take away from them.

A soldier texts his loved ones, thanks to the newly installed cellsites

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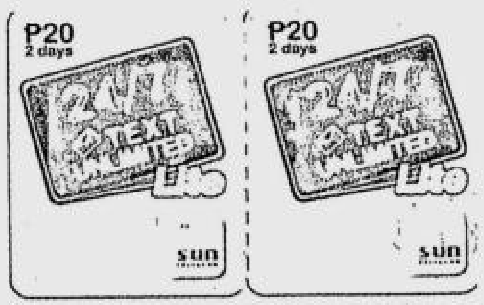

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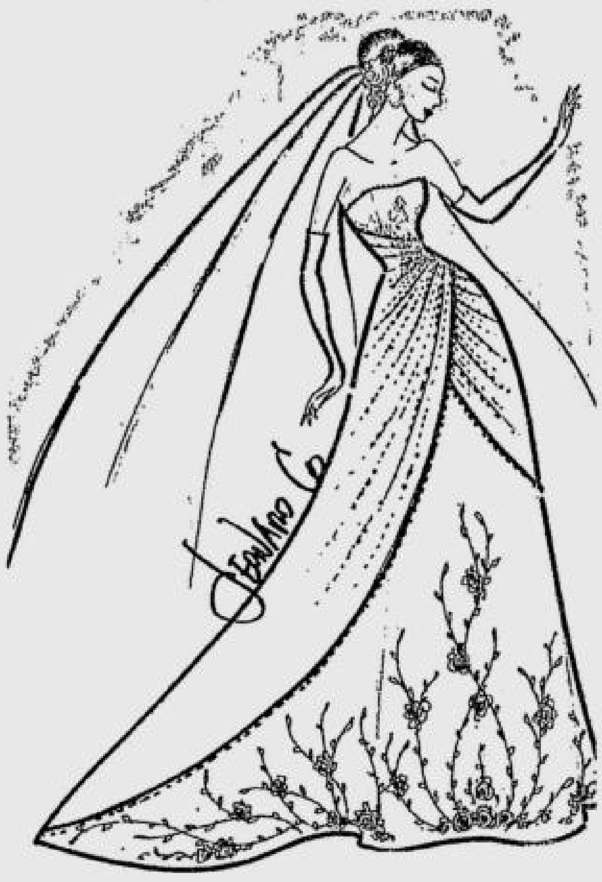

HAO-SO

Tennyson Hao, son of **Norman** and **Betsy Hao**, and **Charmaine So**, daughter of **Alfonso** and **Bian Bian So**, will marry today at Grace Christian Church.

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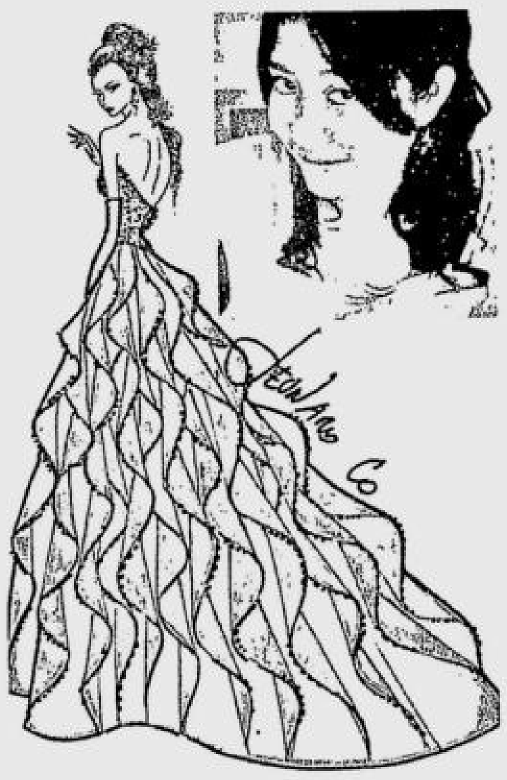
LACSAMANA DEBUT

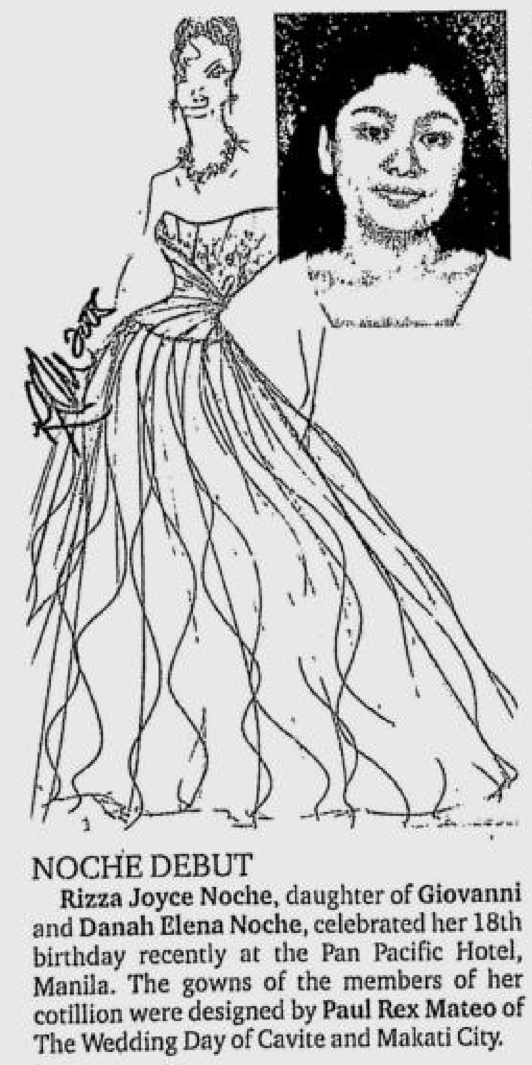
Ameel Faith E. Lacsamana, daughter of **Arlie** and **Melinda Lacsamana**, will celebrate her 18th birthday today at Kachina Room, Century Park Hotel, Manila. She will wear a gown by Ysabelle Fashion.



NAVARRO DEBUT

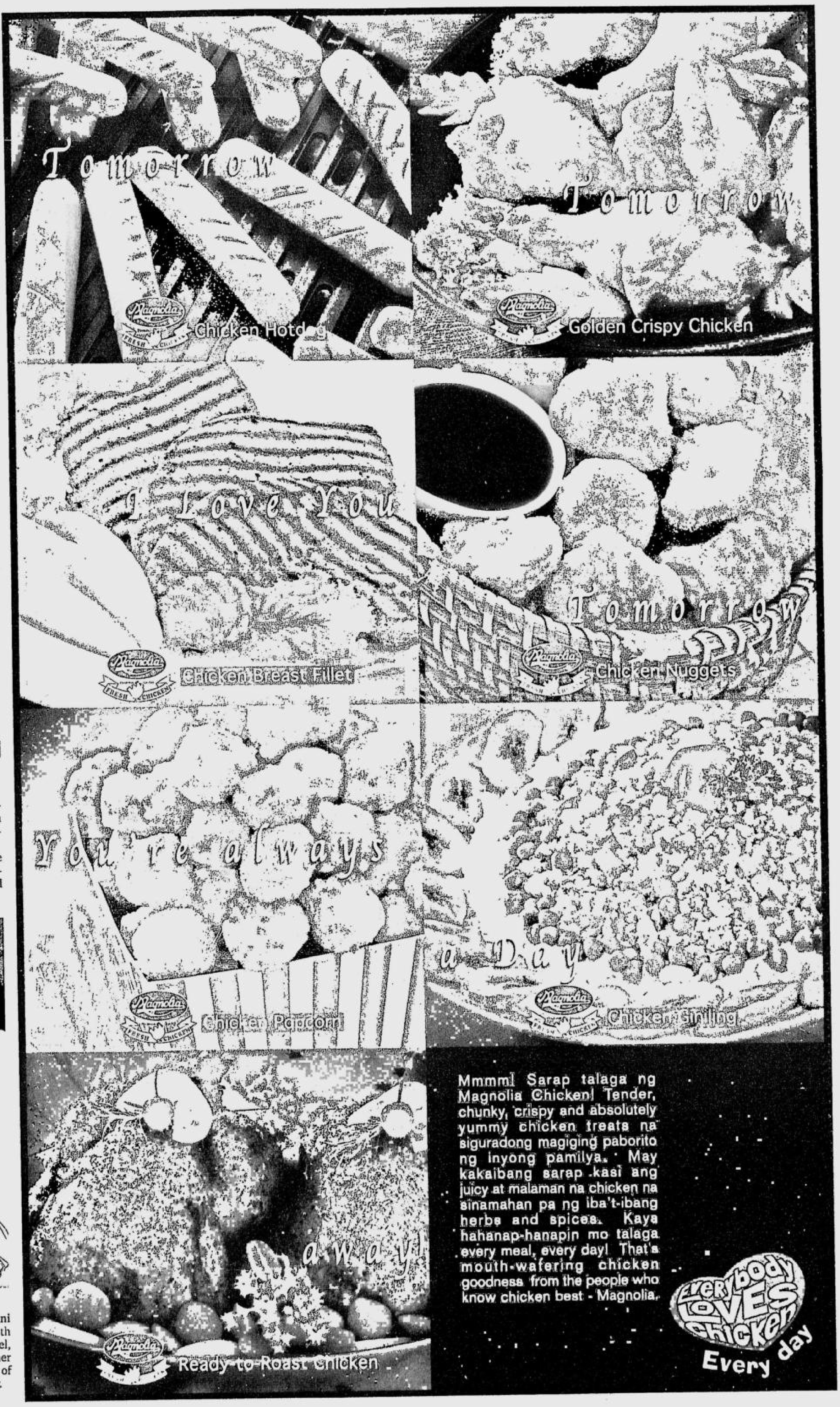
Jessiah Aura Navarro, daughter of **Marlou Navarro**, celebrated her 18th birthday on July 23 at Plaza Ibarra. She is a physical-therapy student at the University of Santo Tomas.

The debutante wore a metallic aquamarine corset top and a bouffant skirt in shades of apple green, fuchsia and light blueby **Leonard Co.**



NOCHE DEBUT

Rizza Joyce Noche, daughter of **Giovanni** and **Danah Elena Noche**, celebrated her 18th birthday recently at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Manila. The gowns of the members of her cotillion were designed by **Paul Rex Mateo** of The Wedding Day of Cavite and Makati City.



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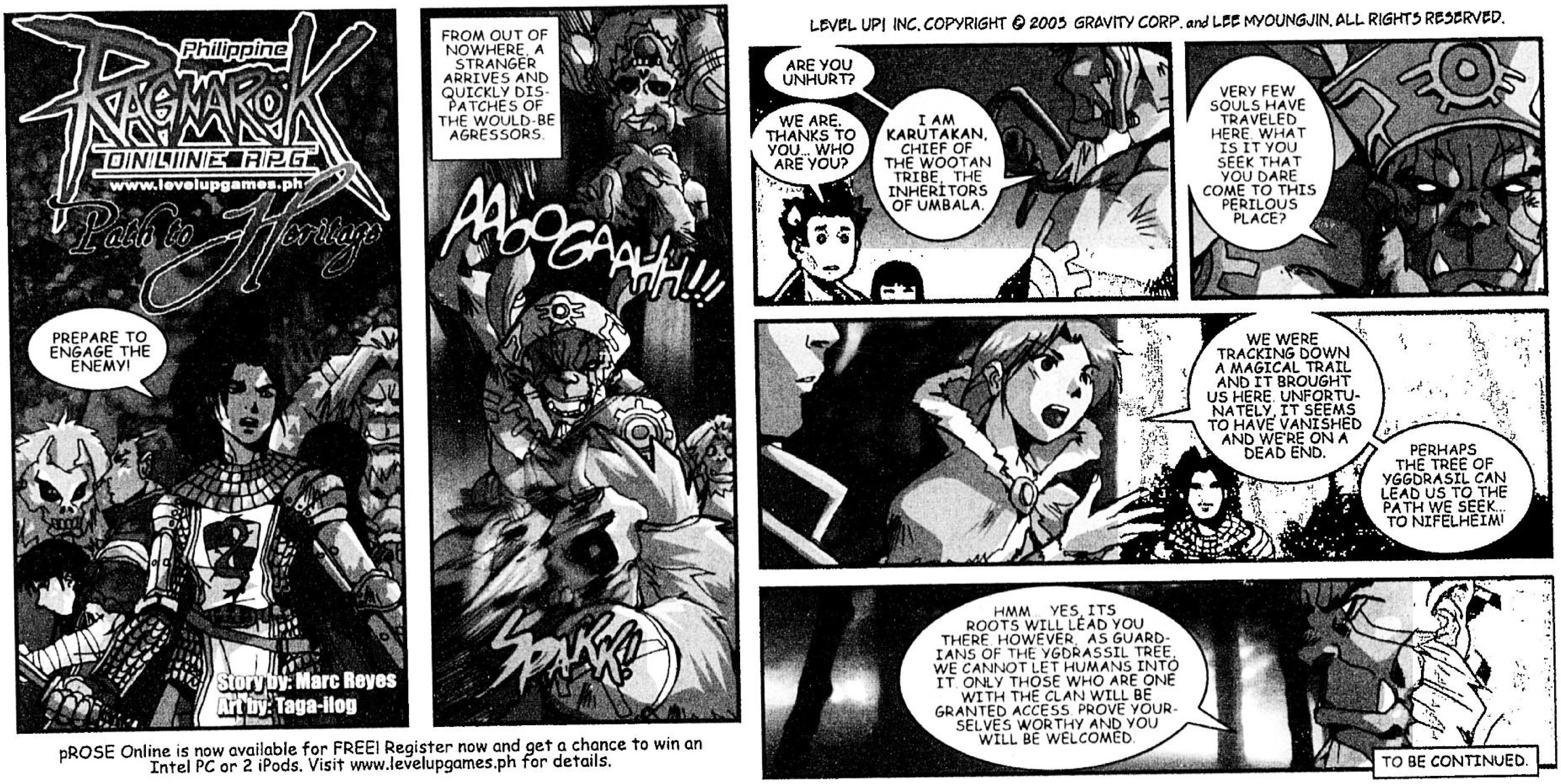
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I AM KARUTAKAN, CHIEF OF THE WOOTAN TRIBE, THE INHERITORS OF UMBALA.
VERY FEW SOULS HAVE TRAVELED HERE. WHAT IS IT YOU SEEK THAT YOU DARE COME TO THIS PERILOUS PLACE?
WE WERE TRACKING DOWN A MAGICAL TRAIL AND IT BROUGHT US HERE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS TO HAVE VANISHED AND WE'RE ON A DEAD END.
PERHAPS THE TREE OF YGGDRASIL CAN LEAD US TO THE PATH WE SEEK... TO NIFELHEIM!
HMM... YES, ITS ROOTS WILL LEAD YOU THERE. HOWEVER, AS GUARDIANS OF THE YGDRASSIL TREE, WE CANNOT LET HUMANS INTO IT. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE ONE WITH THE CLAN WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS. PROVE YOURSELVES WORTHY AND YOU WILL BE WELCOMED.
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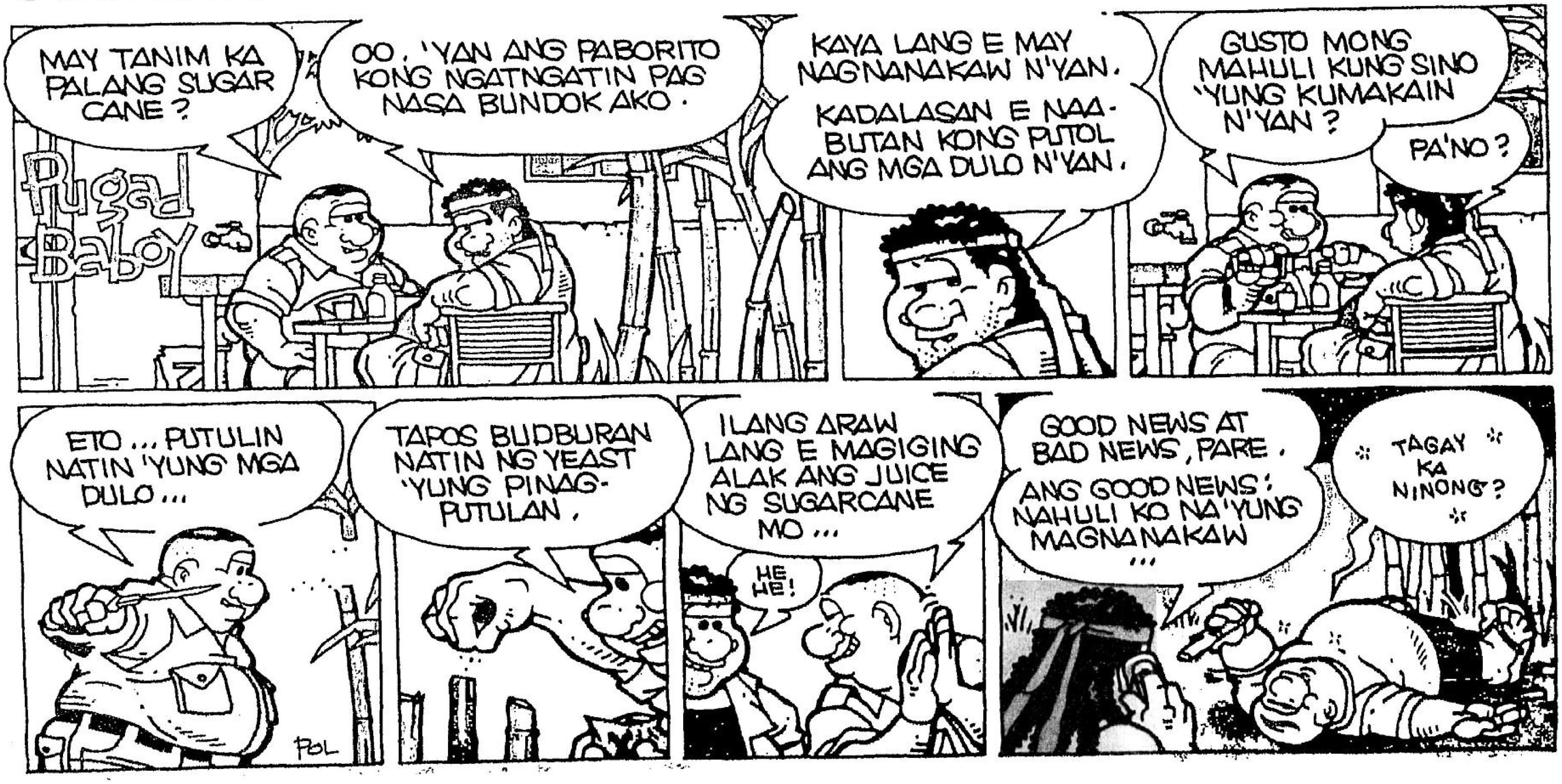
MAY TANIM KA PALANG SUGAR CANE?
OO. 'YAN ANG PABORITO KONG NGATNGATIN PAG NASA BUNDOK AKO.
Pugad Baboy
KAYA LANG E MAY NAGNANAKAW N'YAN.
KADALASAN E NAABUTAN KONG PUTOL ANG MGA DULO N'YAN.
GUSTO MONG MAHULI KUNG SINO 'YUNG KUMAKAIN N'YAN?
PA'NO?
ETO... PUTULIN NATIN 'YUNG MGA DULO...
TAPOS BUDBURAN NATIN NG YEAST 'YUNG PINAGPUTULAN.
ILANG ARAW LANG E MAGIGING ALAK ANG JUICE NG SUGARCANE MO...
HE HE!
GOOD NEWS AT BAD NEWS, PARE.
ANG GOOD NEWS: NAHULI KO NA 'YUNG MAGNANAKAW...
TAGAY KA NINONG?
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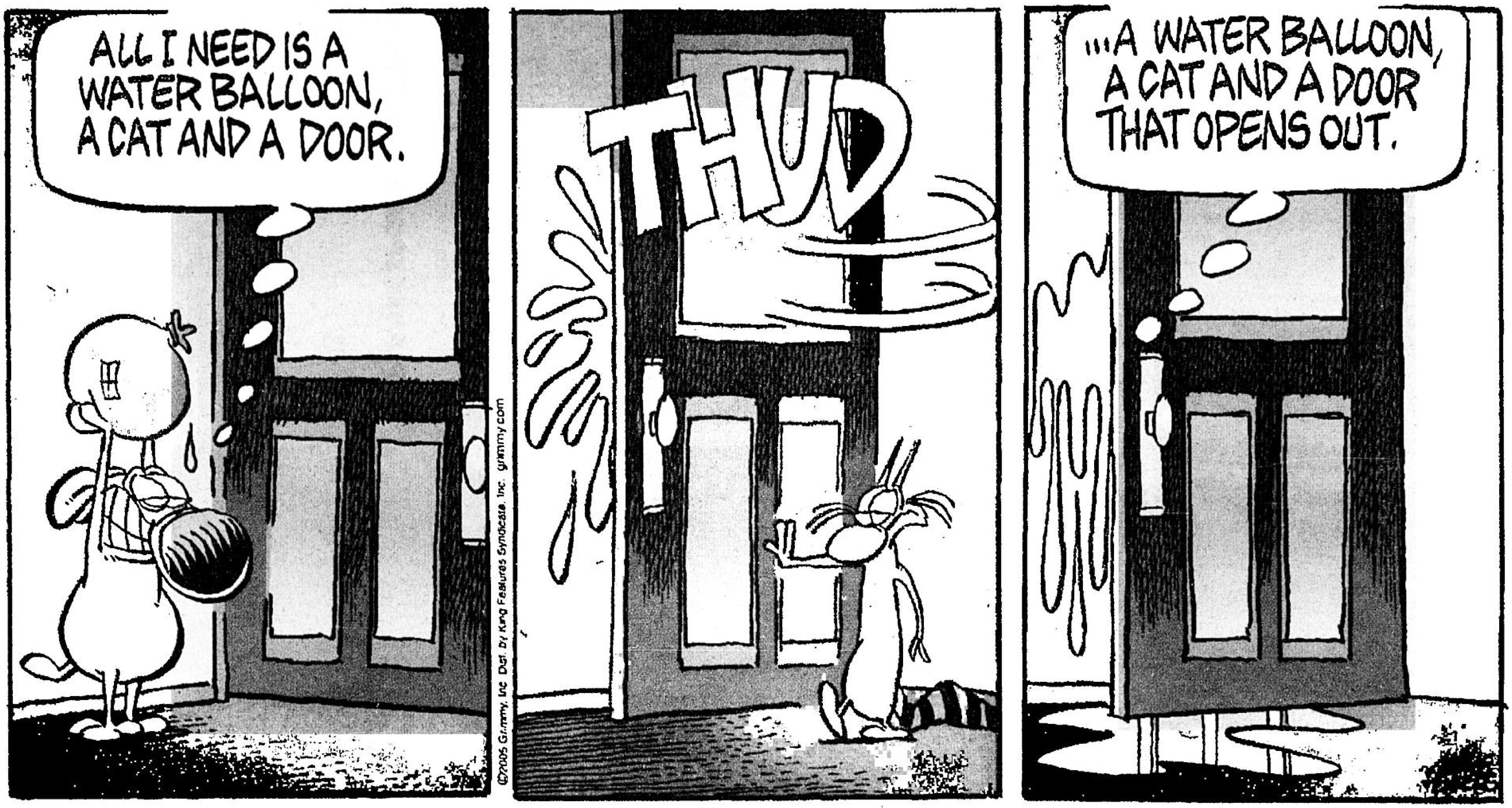
FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO MIDGARD

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


ALL I NEED IS A WATER BALLOON, A CAT AND A DOOR.
THUD
...A WATER BALLOON, A CAT AND A DOOR THAT OPENS OUT.

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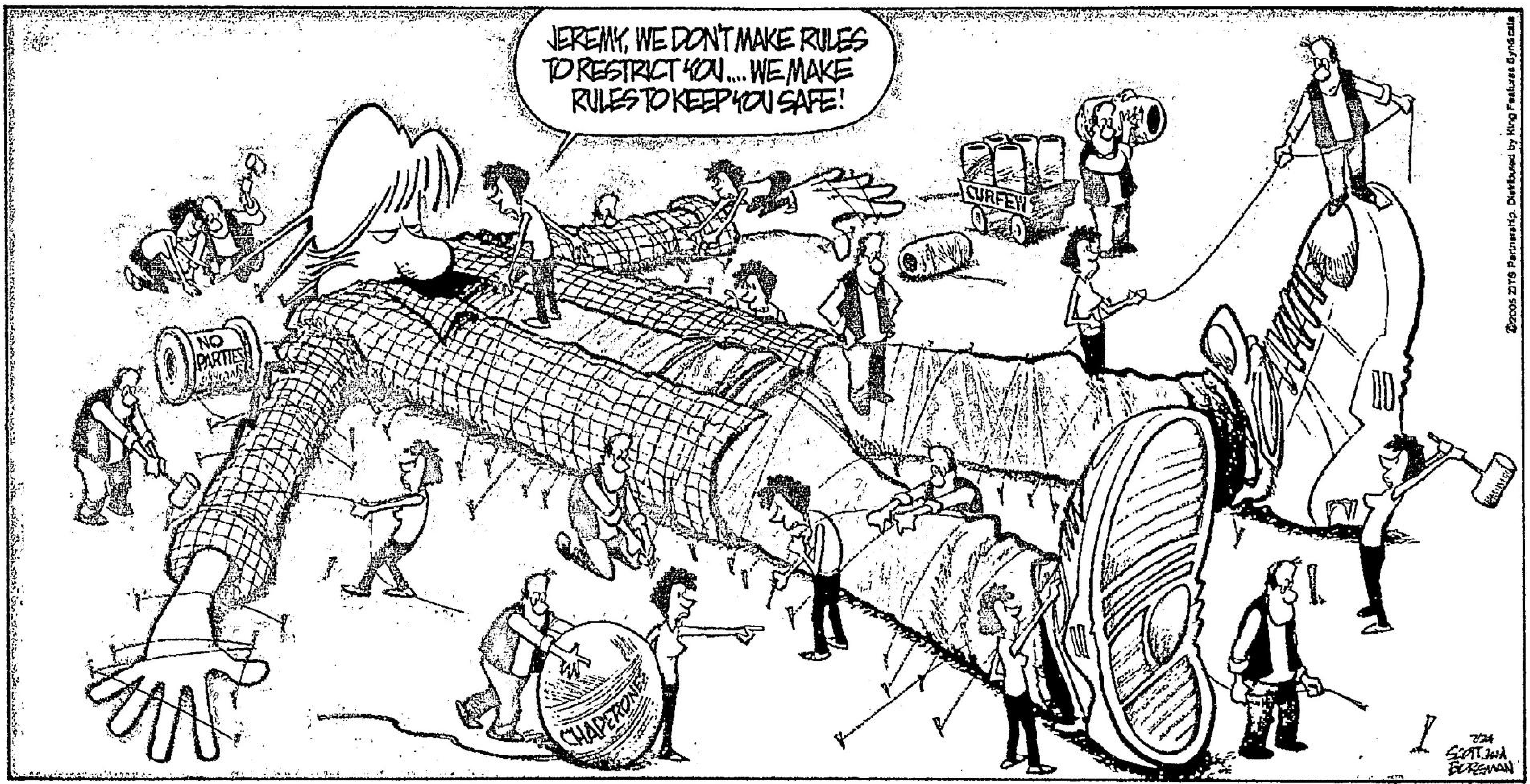
JEREMY, WE DON'T MAKE RULES TO RESTRICT YOU.... WE MAKE RULES TO KEEP YOU SAFE!
NO PARTIES
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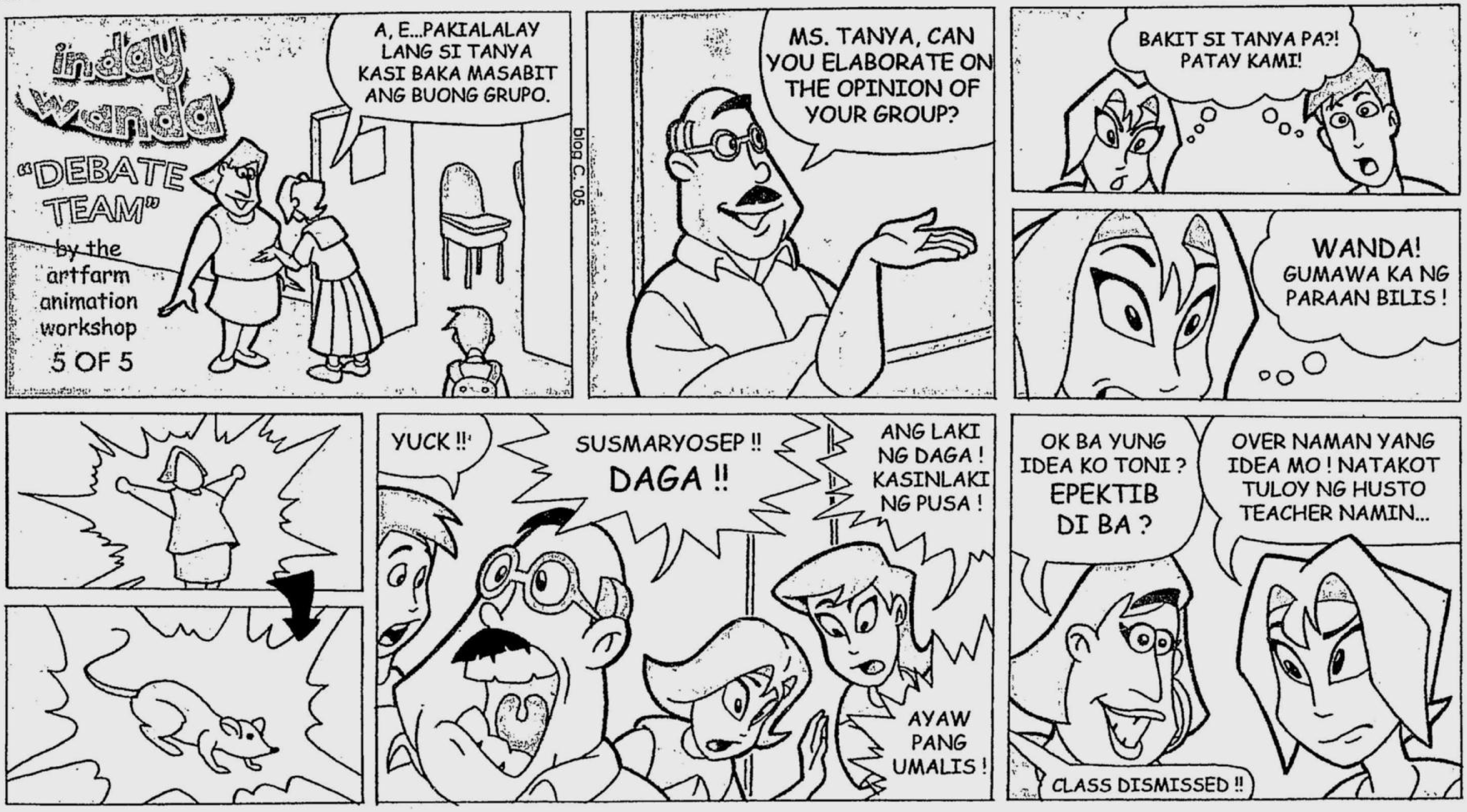
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"DEBATE TEAM"
by the artfarm animation workshop
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A, E...PAKIALALAY LANG SI TANYA KASI BAKA MASABIT ANG BUONG GRUPO.
blog C. '05
MS. TANYA, CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THE OPINION OF YOUR GROUP?
BAKIT SI TANYA PA?! PATAY KAMI!
WANDA! GUMAWA KA NG PARAAN BILIS!
YUCK !!
SUSMARYOSEP !! DAGA !!
ANG LAKI NG DAGA! KASINLAKI NG PUSA!
AYAW PANG UMALIS!
OK BA YUNG IDEA KO TONI? EPEKTIB DI BA?
OVER NAMAN YANG IDEA MO! NATAKOT TULOY NG HUSTO TEACHER NAMIN...
CLASS DISMISSED !!

A. FOLD OUT AT CENTER TO GET THE BIG PICTURE

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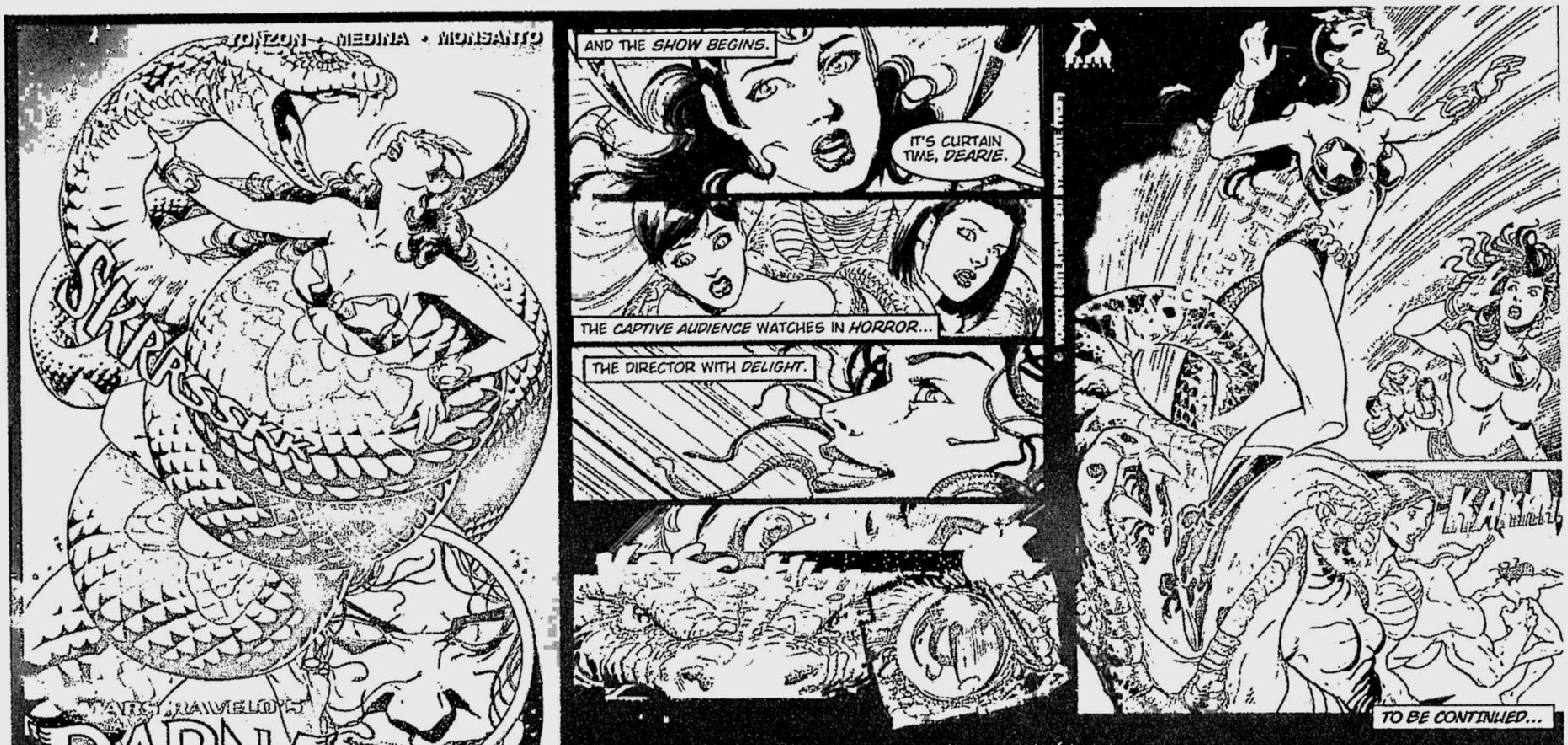
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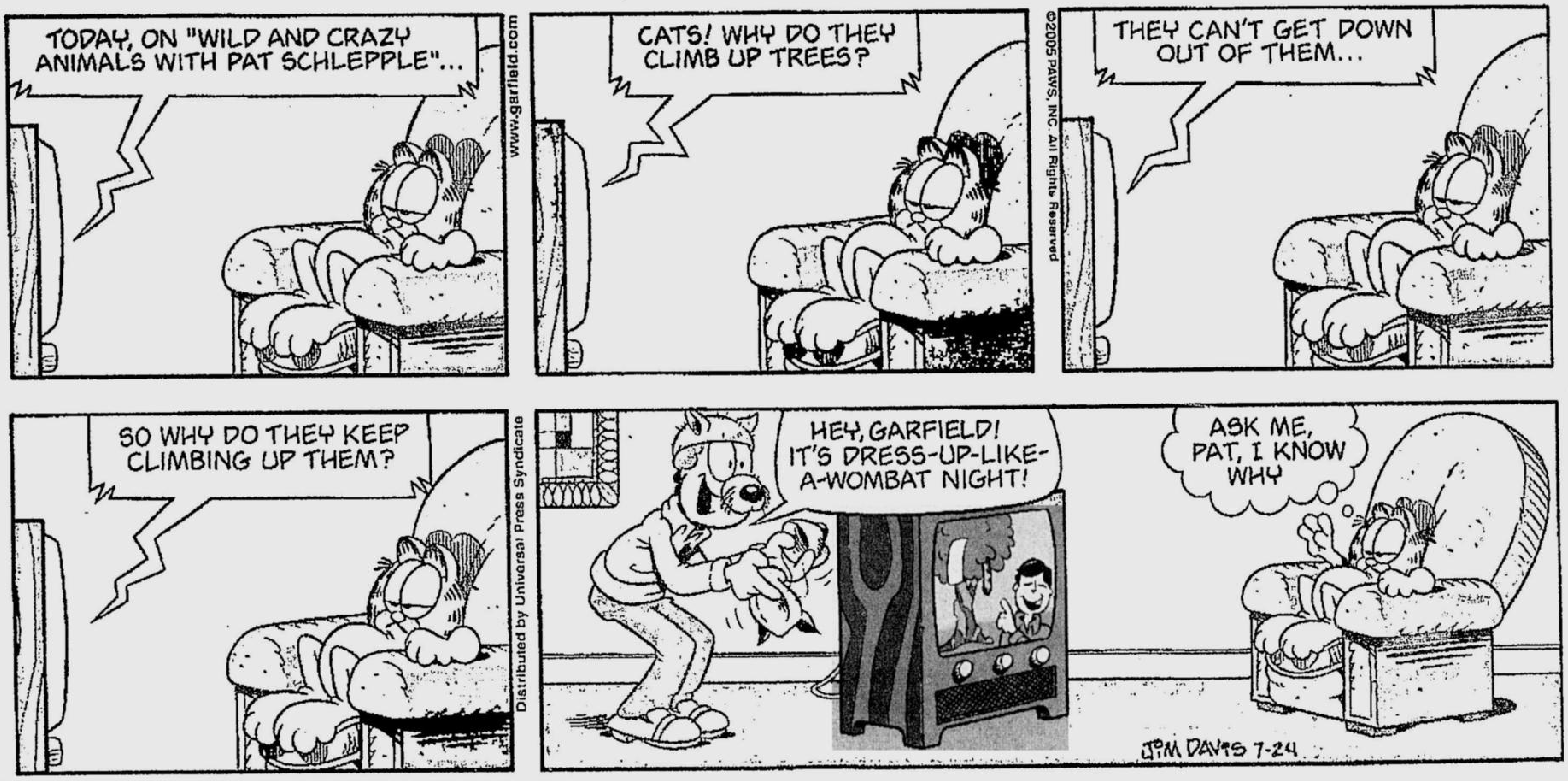
TODAY, ON "WILD AND CRAZY ANIMALS WITH PAT SCHLEPPLE"...
CATS! WHY DO THEY CLIMB UP TREES?
THEY CAN'T GET DOWN OUT OF THEM...
SO WHY DO THEY KEEP CLIMBING UP THEM?
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ASK ME, PAT, I KNOW WHY
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FULL HOUSE

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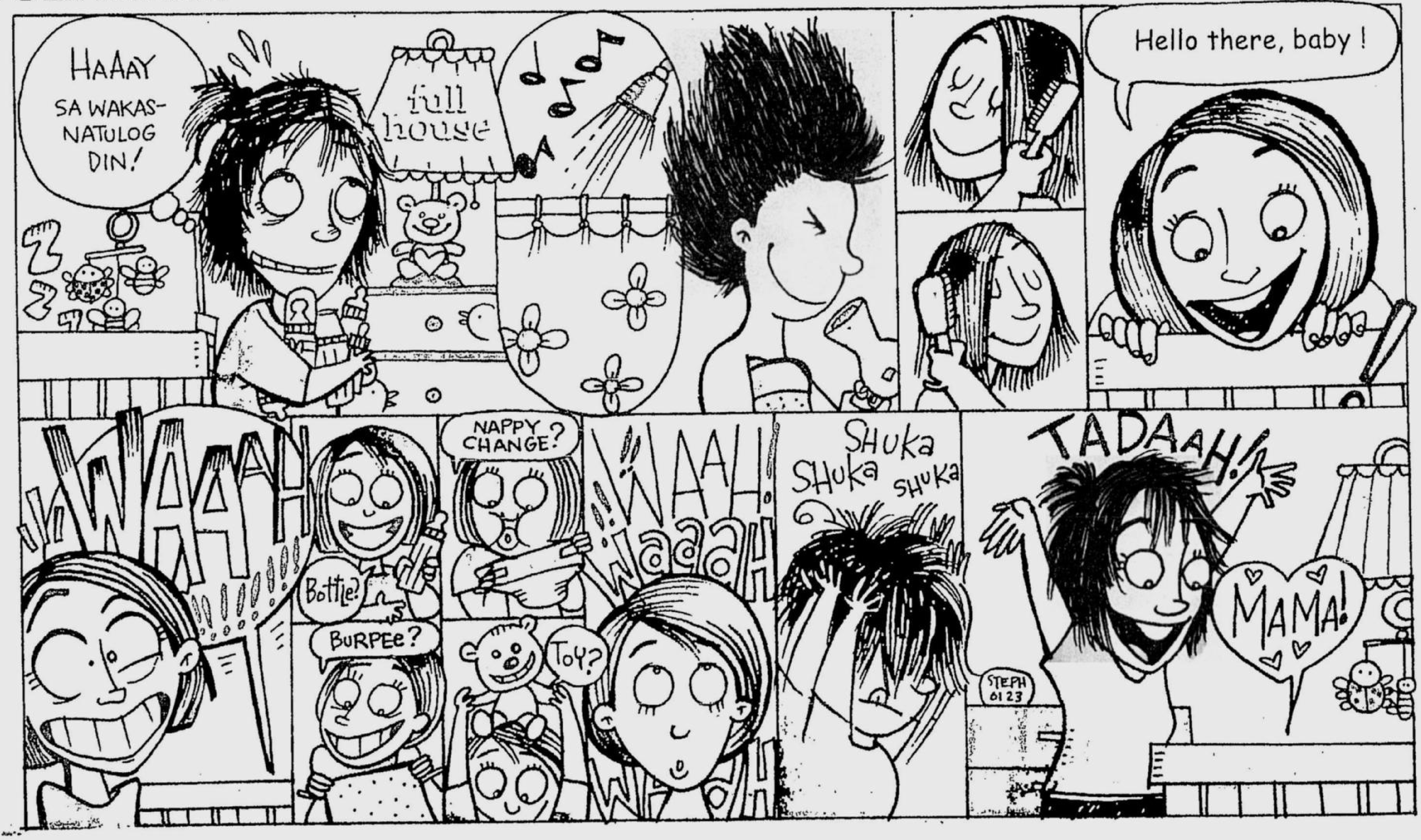
HaAAY SA WAKAS-NATULOG DIN!
full house
Hello there, baby !
WAAAH!
Bottle?
NAPPY CHANGE?
BURPEE?
Toy?
WAAH! Waaaah
SHUKa SHUKa SHUKa
TADAAH!
MAMA!
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B. TURN THE PAGE TO GET IT RIGHT

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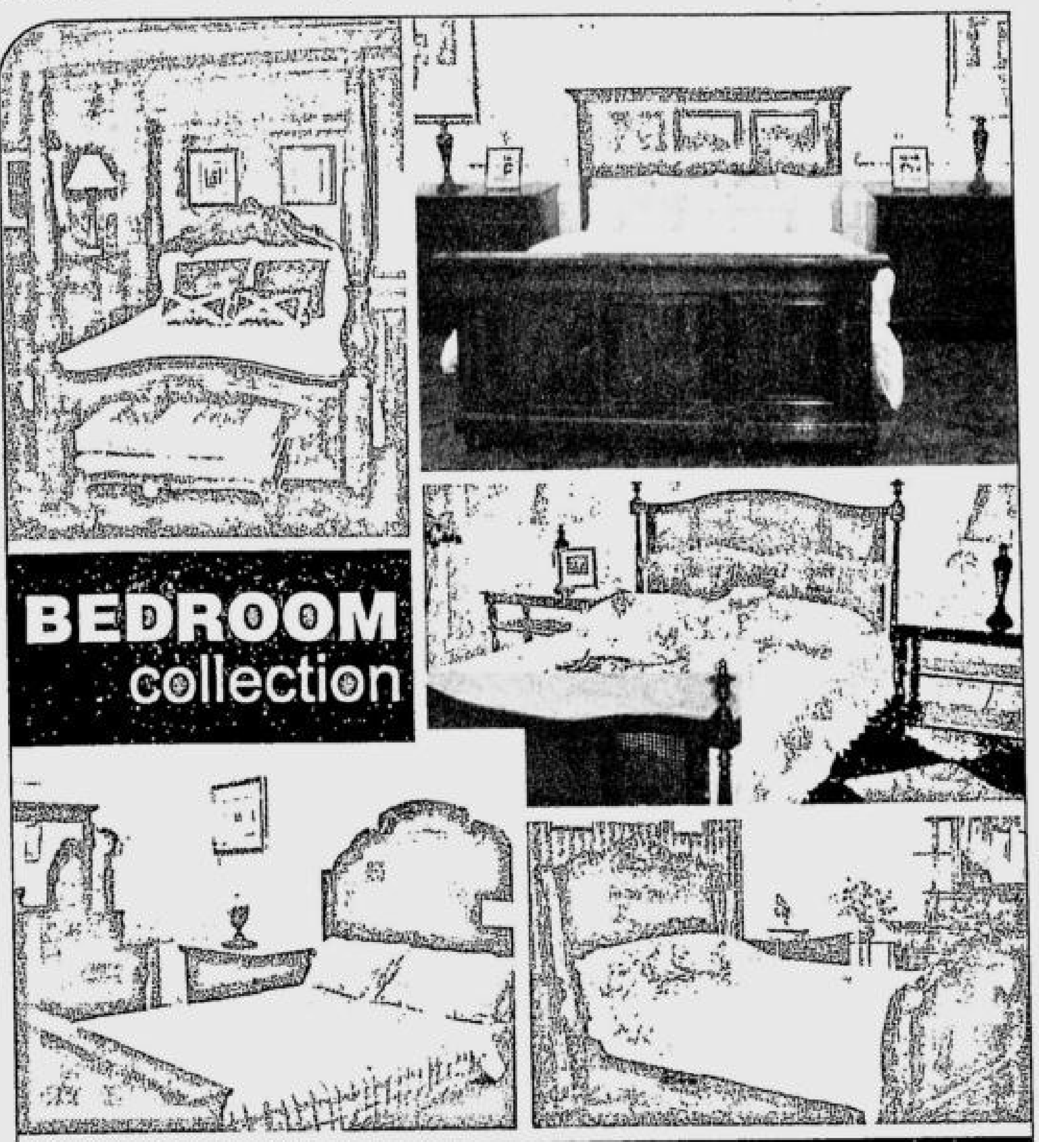

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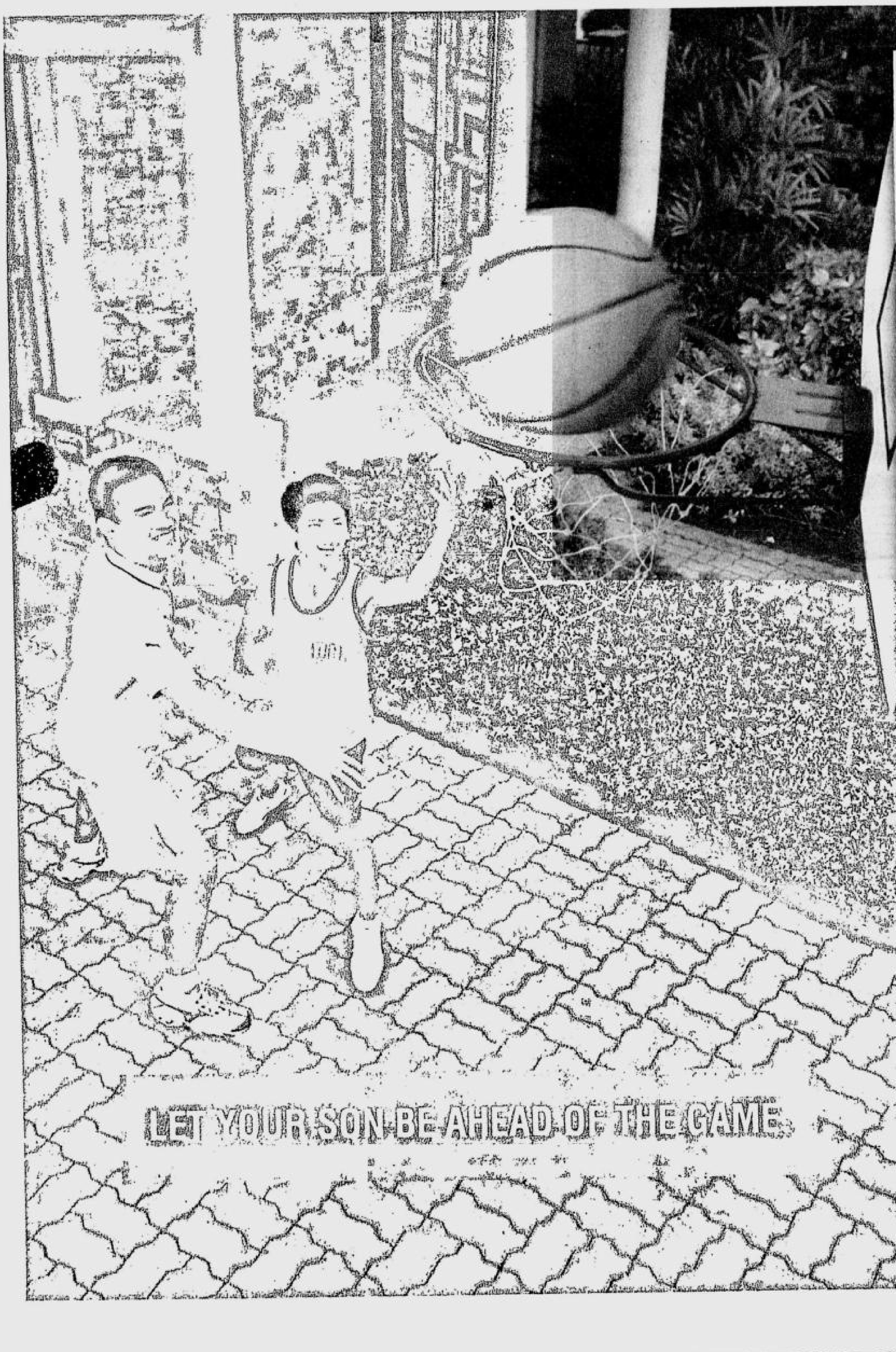
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Laguna Lake group airs complaints

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Doris Gaskell Nuyda

HOUSEWIVES may wonder why the fish they buy in the market, especially those from Laguna, are not what they used to be.

The reasons for this and the general condition of Laguna Lake have actually been the subject of complaints of members of the 3,000-strong Federation of Fish Pen and Fish Cage Operators Association of Laguna Lake (FFPFCOALL).

The federation consists of seven zones, each with its own associations and officers. Present chair and president is Ret. Police General Marino Filart.

The first complaint is on the violation of an executive order (EO) delineating areas in the lake where fish pens and cages could be put up in accordance with the Zone Map adopted in 1996. The map also pinpointed areas outside those limits that would be considered free fishing grounds. The map limited fish pens and cages (pens catch more fish) to 10,000 hectares each.

Instead of complying with this EO, says the federation, the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) allowed new applicants to come in so that the limit of 10,000 was exceeded, and had reached 18,000 hectares. Small fishermen are the main losers in this situation.

The second complaint is on what the federation considers as arbitrary fee increases imposed on fish pen and fish cage operators. They must now pay P6,000 per hectare per year. They also fear the amount will increase to P8,000.

No approval

The federation felt it needed the services of a lawyer to call attention to this irregularity, since the EO specified: "No increase of fish pen fees will be allowed without the approval of the President (of the Philippines)." The increases did not have that approval. The federation points to the negative effects of the fee increases to production expenses especially of smaller fish operators, who occupy only the smallest areas in the lake (one hectare each), their fish cages measuring only 100 x 100 meters. Other operators occupy as much as 50 has. with cages as big as 400 x 400 sq m.

Naturally, small operators catch much less and earn less.

The third complaint is the almost complete disappearance of plankton from the lake. Pollution may not be a major problem, say federation members, but no one has identified the reason for this disappearance.

Plankton is a natural fish feed. In the past, fishermen did not have to spend a lot on fish feed because they could rely on what thrived in the lake itself. So, pollution may be a problem after all.

Federation officials have been writing to the LLDA board since 1998 and to the President since 2000. Malacañang eventually sent investigators who could only tell federation members to await their findings. It was only recently that it came up with a directive to LLDA authorities to stop the issuance of new licenses and construction of new fish pens.

Non-compliance

But, so far, says the federation, the LLDA has not complied with the directive.

Not only is this state of affairs unfair to small fishermen who come out almost empty-handed in the deal, but it has also left the beautiful lake, whose importance was made manifest when it was declared one of the world's Living Lakes a few years ago, in very poor condition.

Whereas fish grew quickly before, it now takes much longer before they reach sizes that would fetch good prices in the market. Federation members also point out that fishponds under foreshore lease from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources are charged

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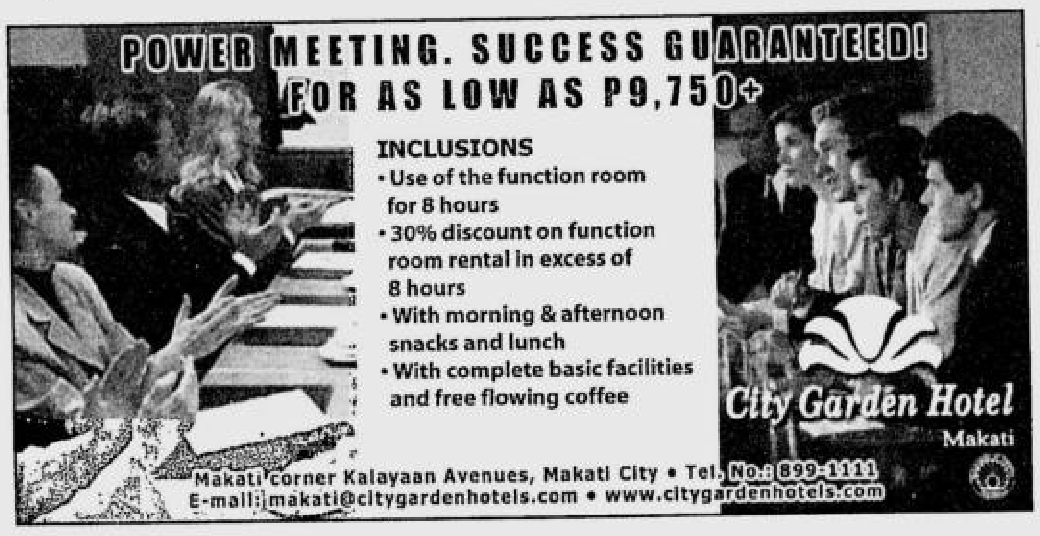
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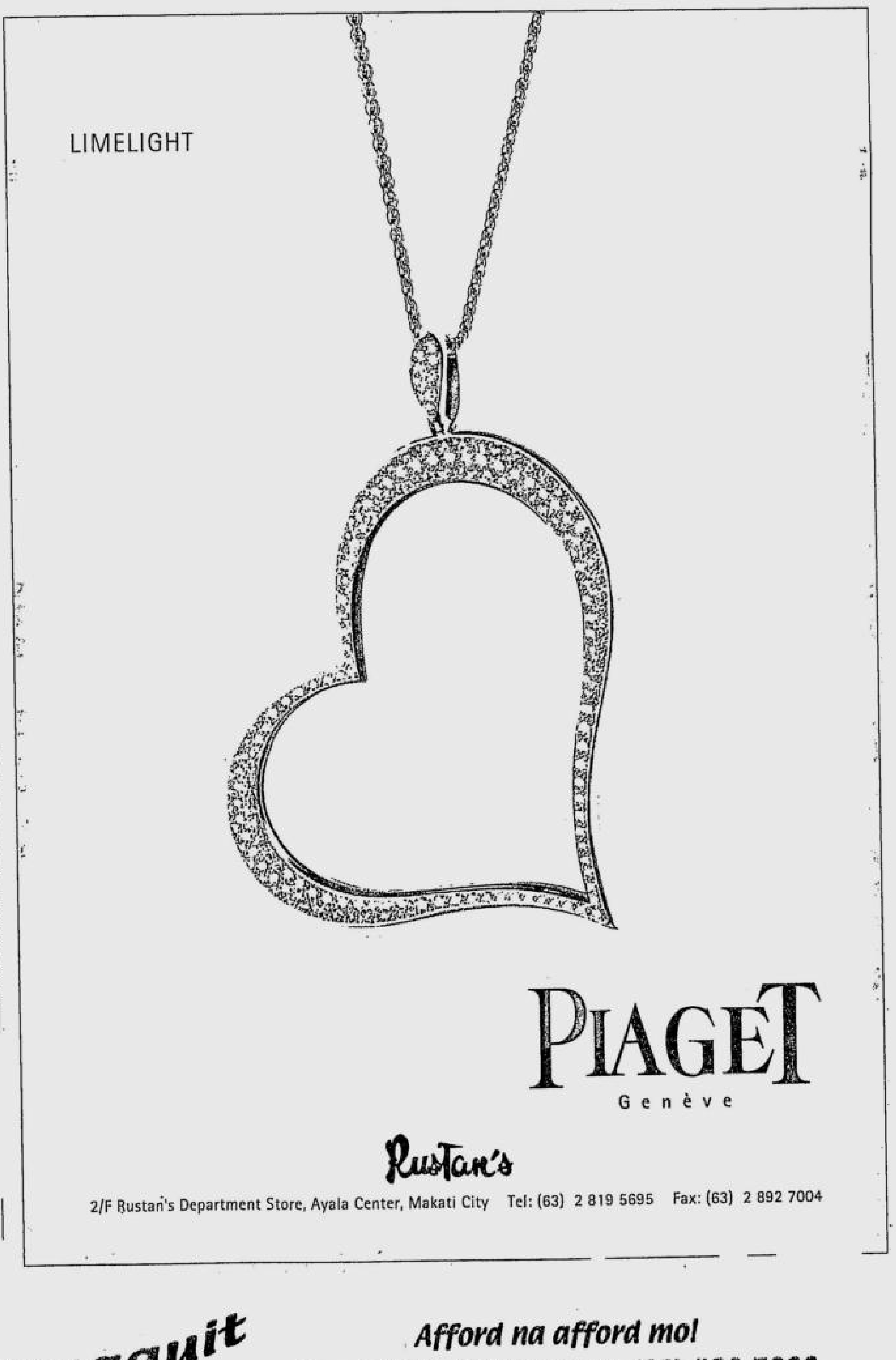
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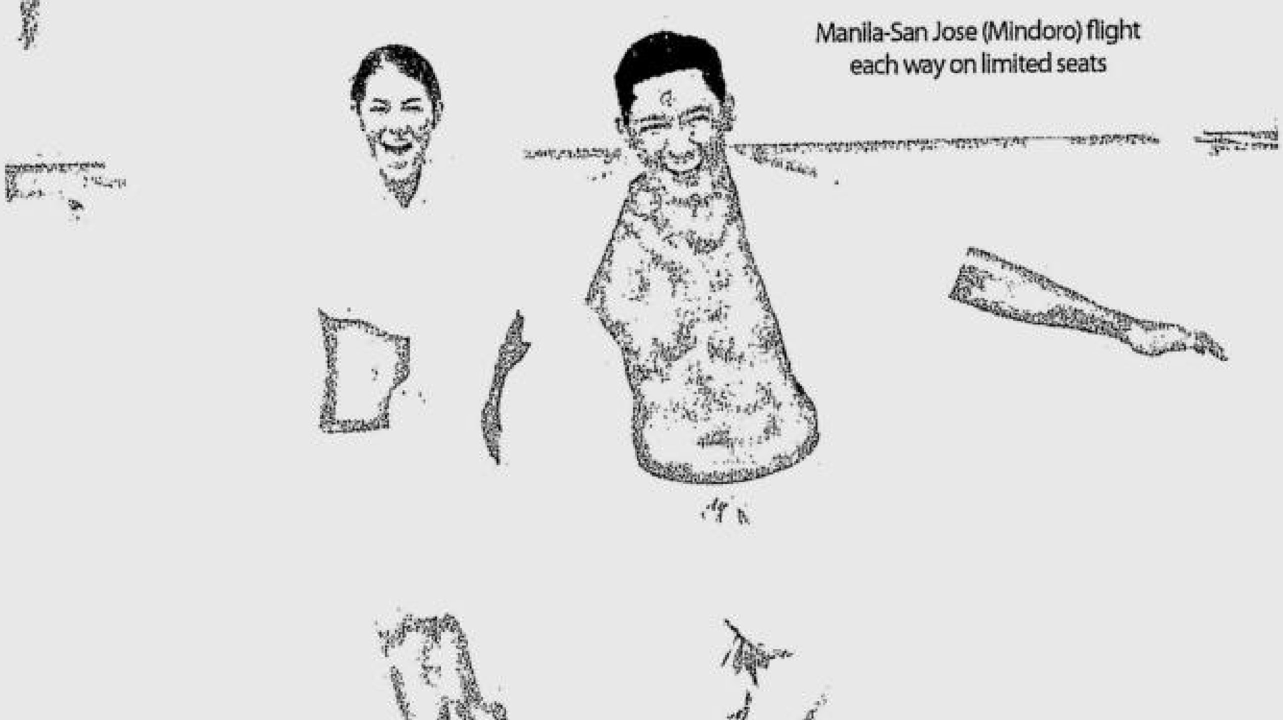
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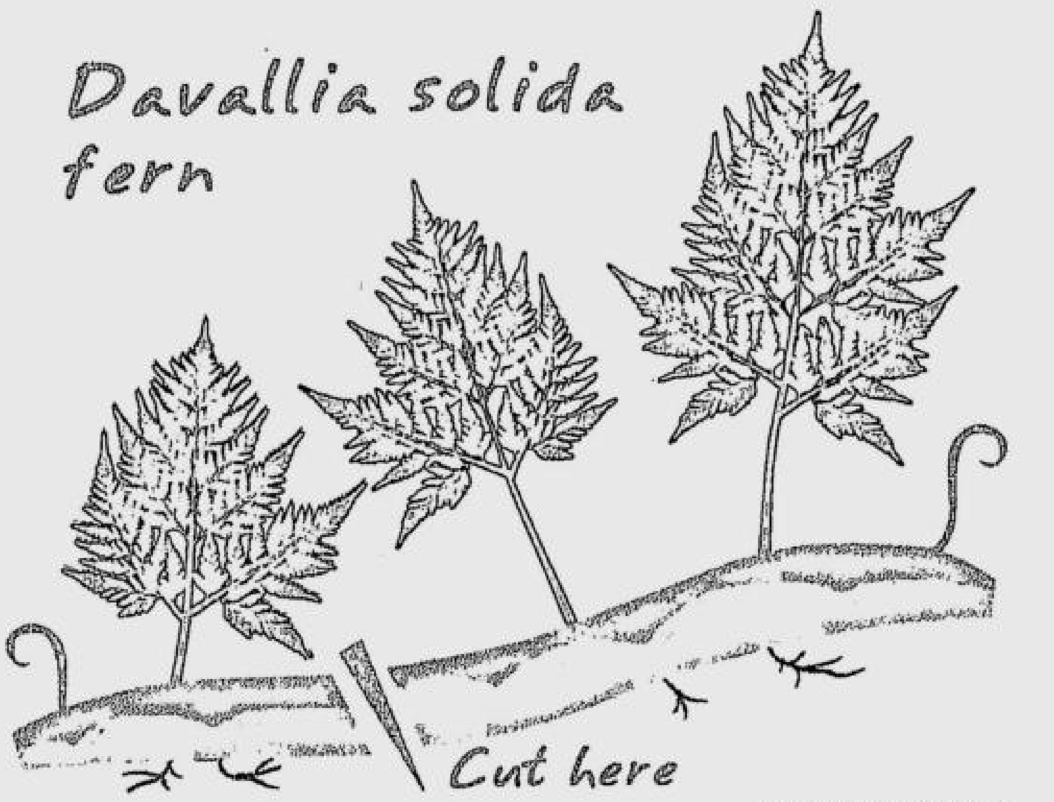

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A beautiful fern

By Serapion S. Metilla
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GREEN TIPS

DAVALLIA, a species under the Filices family, is one of the most beautiful ferns for the house and garden.

The *Davallia bullata* from Japan, also called "ball fern," has long creeping, flexible, light brown hairy rhizomes. The *D. fejeensis* from Fiji Islands, also called "rabbit's foot fern," has brown wooly creeping rhizomes while the *D. fejeensis plumosa* is a dainty dwarf variety, fresh green color, more finely cut, plume-like pendulous fronds.

From India and South China is *D. griffithiana*, whose creeping rhizomes are covered with glistening white scales.

A dwarf variety is the *D. pentaphylla* from Java and Polynesia with black hairs on the wiry fronds.

Commonly found in the Philippines is the *D. solida*. Also found in Malaya and Queensland, it has brown hairy rhizomes with broad, massive, stiff leathery fronds that are 2 ft more or less in length. The *D. trichomanioides* from Malaya has small creeping rhizomes covered with pale brown scales.

Davallias can be easily propagated by dividing the rhizomes that have established roots and with at least five to six fronds already. You can also find young plants growing usually in crevices of trunks of old or gnarled trees, in moss-covered rocks and old driftwoods among orchids.

Just uproot them and plant in a pot with porous soil mixture of one part river sand, one part garden soil, one part coco coir dust and one part rotted rice hull. Pure rotted rice hull will also do.

Make sure the plant is constantly moist and placed in a partially shady location. Apply water two to three times a day, most especially in the hot, dry months.

Davallias can be identified through their rhizomatic body system and fronds that look like *malungay* leaves.

For more about ferns, call 9394593 or 4352479.

Fresh picks

LEISURE Farms lot owners Josefina Marasigan and Josefa Leal enjoy picking fresh tomatoes at the hydroponics farm of the Lemery, Batangas, development project during the recent Harvest Festival. Other produce harvested in Leisure Farms' different farming zones—High on Hybrids, Buro-buro, Integrated Farm, Herb Gardens—were eggplants, bell peppers, cabbage, squash, corn, and herbs like rosemary, oregano, dill, tarragon and basil.

Laguna Lake group. . .

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only P1,000 per hectare per year. Charges for pasture and timberland are also lower, and the resources have security of tenure of 10-50 years.

Federation members believe, too, that Laguna Lake needs breathing space. It is overcrowded, over-fished. Fish are caught before they have reached their full size.

The federation offers this initial solution: Remove fish pens set up after the Zone Map of 1996 was established. They note that changes always follow the appointment of new management. They point out this is not always a good thing, since good policies already in place should not be changed.

We hope the LLDA board has the answers to all these problems. It is welcome to express them here.

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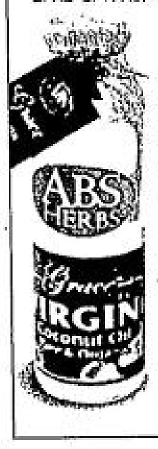

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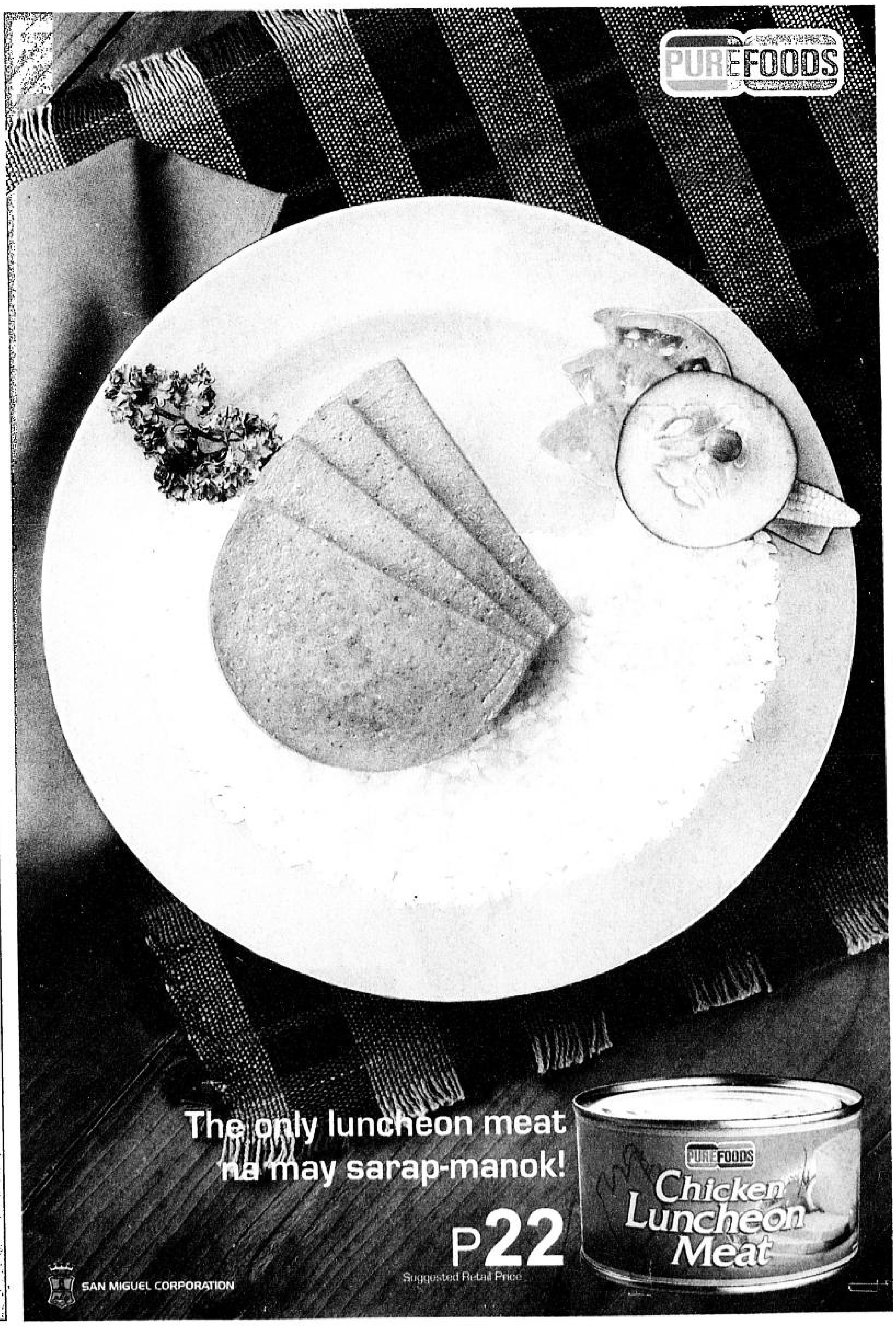

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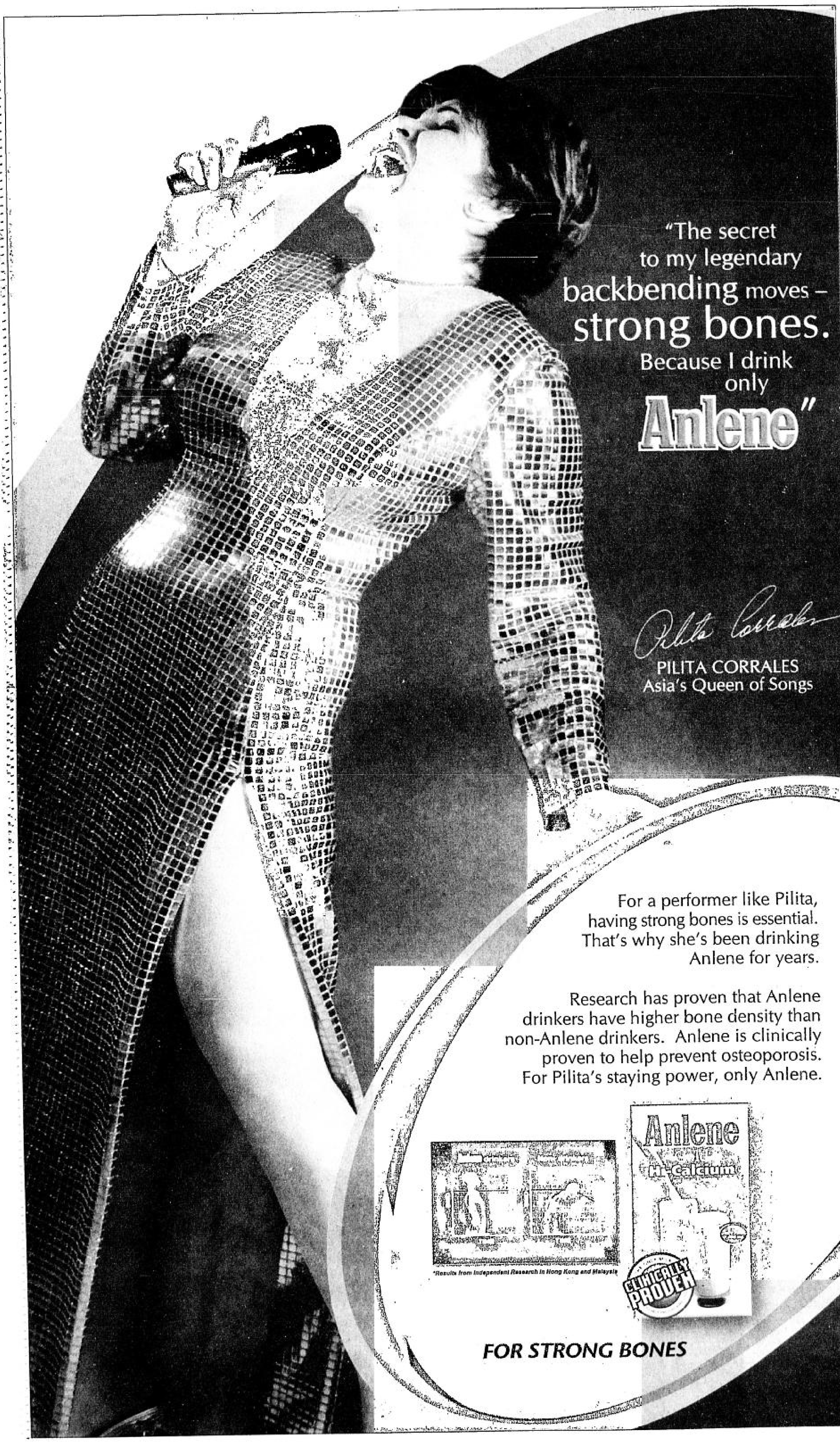

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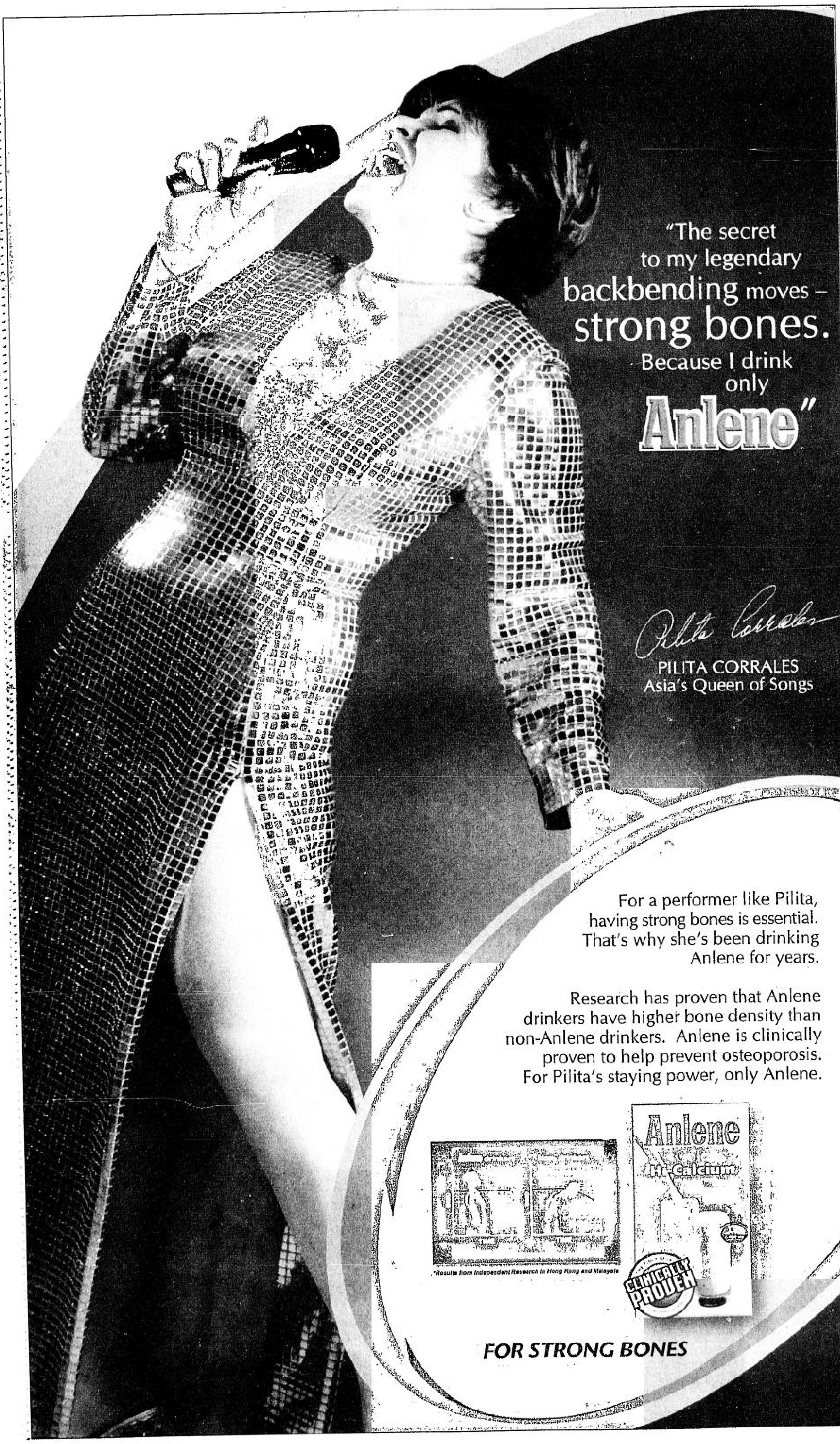

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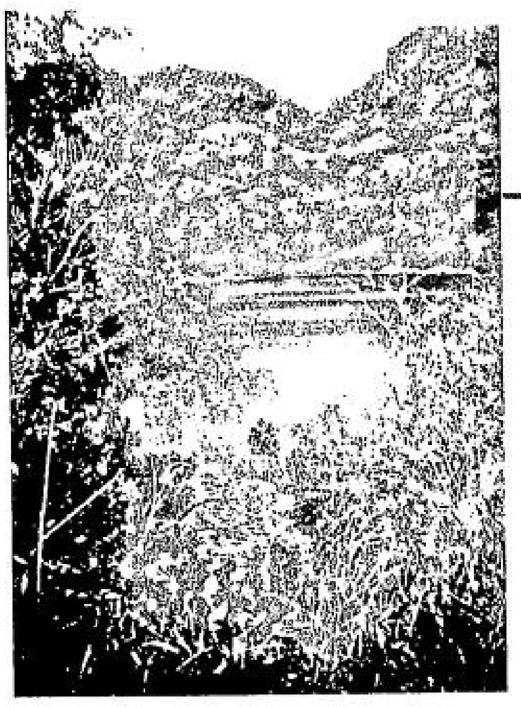

HIDDEN lagoon

By Amadís Ma. Guerrero
Contributor

THE PRISTINE peninsula of Caramoan along the eastern seaboard of Camarines Sur, facing Catanduanes and the Pacific Ocean, is nature in the raw.

The peninsula has the potential to become a major ecotourist destination like El Nido and Coron (in Palawan). Here we have the same entrancing seascape and coastal landscape, islands galore (70 of these), white-sand beach coves, hidden lagoons (one you can reach by rock-climbing), and majestic sea cliffs of black marble and limestone, garlanded by plants and flowers.

Caramoan lies 540 km south of Manila. The entry point is Naga City, roughly a nine-hour ride by bus (Philtranco or Amihan), passing through Southern Tagalog, the Quezon National Park (several portions being repaired, with children waving bright containers in the hope drivers will throw them coins), Quirino Highway (which has some potholes), and Camarines Norte.

Earlier, at the Pasay City Edsa terminal, the bus bound for Naga had left at 7 a.m., and those buses going to the cities of Legazpi and Iriga were full up. Luckily I was directed to a nearby air-conditioned van going to Naga (P400 per, much less than the regular bus fare).

Once in Naga, van driver Nigel and automotive mechanic Noel helped me locate the least expensive hotel, which turned out to be the Sampaguita Tourist Inn. This was just right for this penny-pinching backpacker.

The Caramoan Peninsula, facing the Lagonoy Gulf, is a protected area under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. It traverses eight barangays and sprawls over an area of 4,070 hectares, including mountains, islands and seas.

My trip had been made possible by poet-journalist Vet Vitug, who is now DENR Central's public affairs director. The Camarines Sur provincial environment officer, Rodolfo Matusalem, had assigned Protected Area Superintendent Manuel Tengco Jr. to be my tour guide.

First leg

Now, the long journey to Naga is only the first leg of the trip. At the city's terminal, we boarded an air-conditioned van (P61 per) for a two-hour ride to Sabang Beach, San José, passing through several towns with charming Spanish-era churches of stone with pastel pink façades, and several old-world buildings now being used for some commercial purpose.

While Caramoan is accessible by land from Naga, only a 4 x 4-truck can negotiate the bad roads. Thus, visitors with cars can bring their vehicles only up to Sabang Beach, where they can park their cars or special buses, and then proceed to the peninsula via a motorized outrigger boat for another ride (P100 per) which takes about two hours.

At Sabang, when a boat arrives or is scheduled to depart, the sturdy beach boys emerge to carry the passengers to the vessel (P10 per). The women are placed on the right shoulder of the youth, while his left hand holds on to that of the woman.

On the other hand, the men are simply hoisted around the shoulders of the beach boy, their legs wrapped around the head of the fellow. I haven't been carried like this since I was a toddler, and I almost fell over backwards.

At Caramoan town's Guijalo Port, there was an unexpected thrill: the sight of Mt. Mayon in the distance, across the gulf. But the almost perfect cone was not that clear, and as usual the peak was covered by clouds.

There followed a short trip by jeepney (P10 per) to the town proper, where there are several budget inns, like the Peninsula Lodging House. And there was one final leg to hurdle: a tricycle ride to Gota Beach, entry point to the peninsula (P20 per if you are patient enough to wait until the pedicab is full, P150 for a special trip).

You do not see the beach right away, being a few kilometers away. But around you as the tricycle picks up speed are the towering coastal cliffs, the limestone and black marble hidden by rich vegetation.

Gota Beach is impressive. The tiredness I felt

CAPTIVATING/ G2

Tears?

New hope. Judy Ann is enthused that more young people are getting involved, especially in the Philippine movie industry. In fact, she's excited about the new energy, daring plots and fresh executions that are infused in independent films by a new generation of filmmakers and industry professionals. Judy Ann appreciates and is inspired by their talents and achievements – welcoming the thought that these brave young dreamers are shaping the future of her craft, and much more.

Sharing hope for a brighter future, Judy Ann has pledged to donate her corneas and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Judy Ann, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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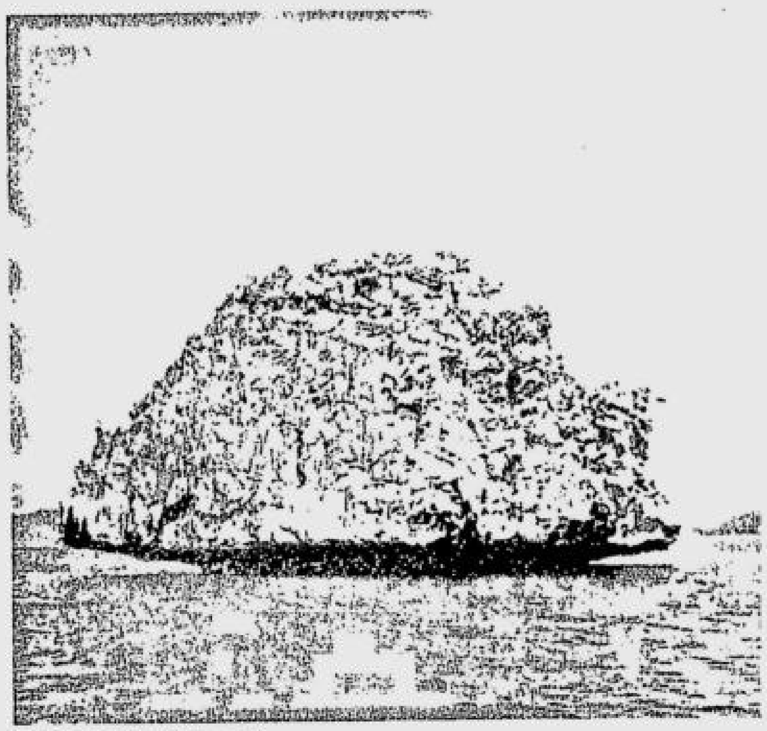

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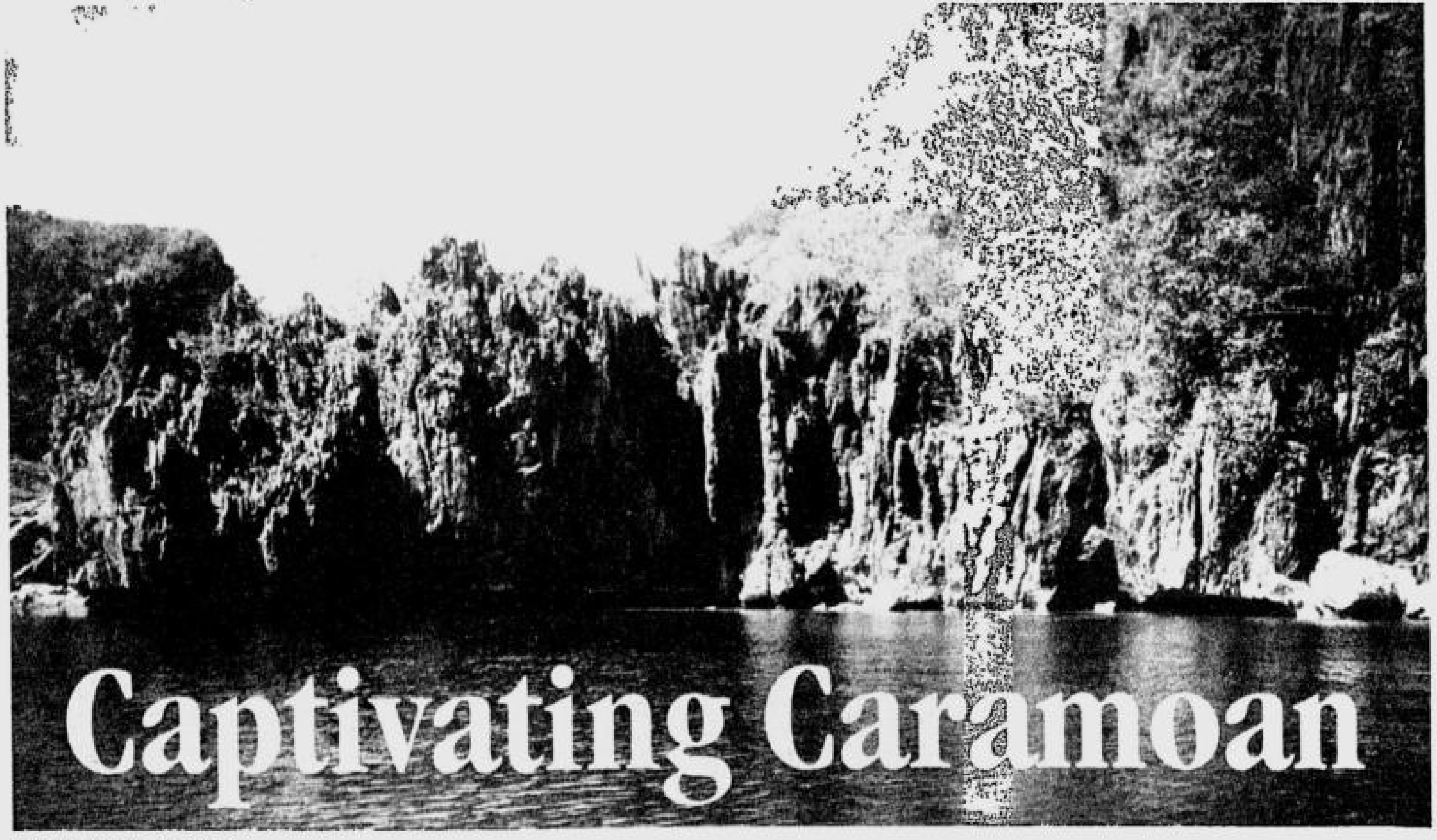

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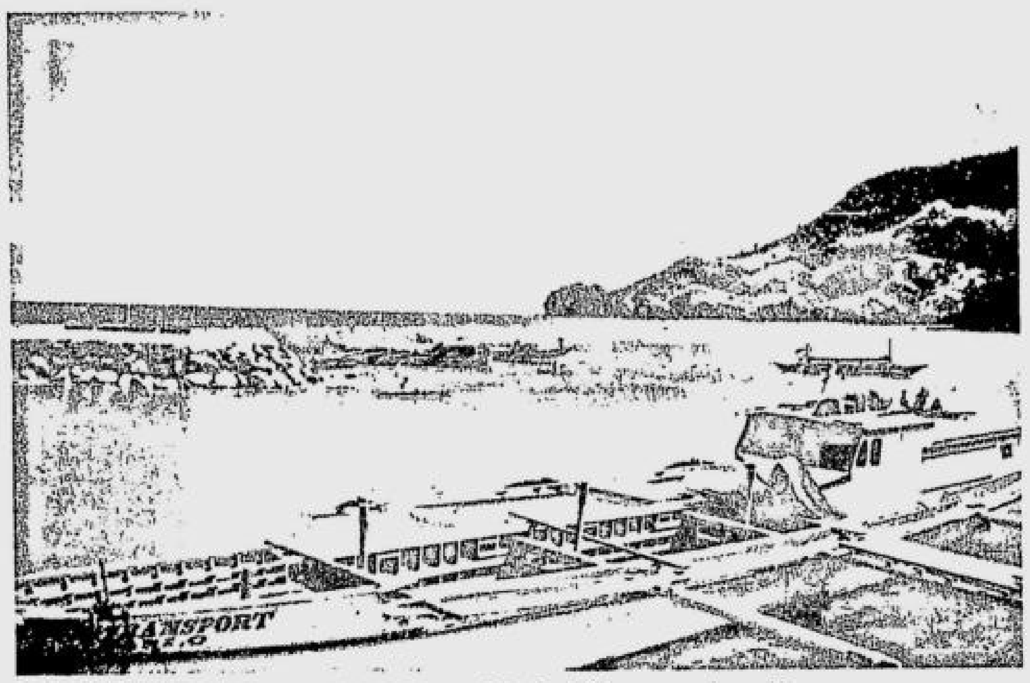


GUIJALO Port, Caramoan, with Mt. Mayon faintly visible across the gulf

This 'secret' peninsula is simply the most beautiful place in all of Bicolandia

From page G1

from the long, hot journey disappeared when we arrived. The beach is a glimpse of what is in store for you when you go island-hopping. The cliffs stand guard around Gota, and nearby are some massive islands with their flora, beaches, black marble and limestone. More islets are found around the peninsula, and Catanduanes is clearly visible across the gulf.

Blast fishing used to be rampant in the area, destroying the corals. But this has been curbed, according to Tengco.

You can bring a tent here and sleep right on the beach. There are picnic cottages constructed by the DENR, a hilltop viewpoint and, to the left, a twin cove with motorized outrigger boats for hire. The waters are clean, and the sand pinkish-white.

Fun party

A monthly conference cum party of a government agency was under way when we arrived, and we were invited to join in. Hmm, it was fun. Kagawad (Barangay Councilor) Vicente Azaña was coordinating the event. The beer and brandy flowed, capped by dinner. The inevitable videoke had been set up, and I belted out my own rendition of "My Way" (no, there was no gunfire).

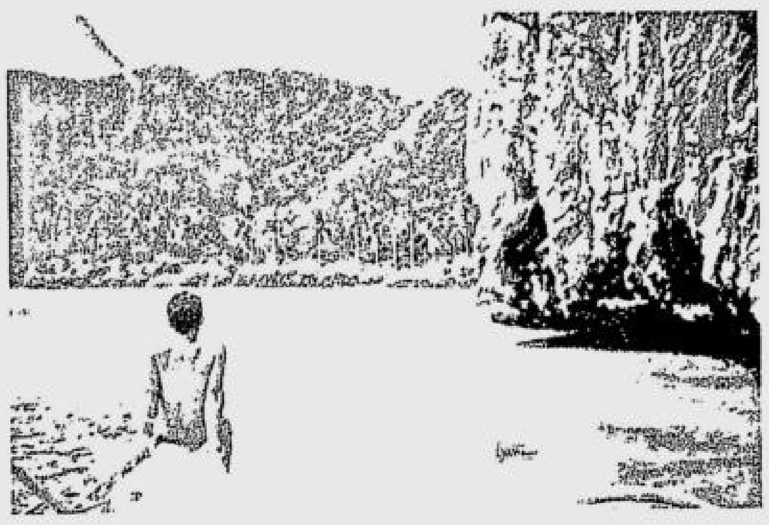
Azaña, who is also chair of the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, and Trade and Industry, said the provincial government, DENR and the local government units are planning to develop the area for ecotourism: "We hope to raise Caramoan to a national and international category, cater to tourists from abroad and local tourists, generate income for the municipality, and help marginal fishermen. We have streaks of white sand, a fishing area and fishing sanctuaries. Illegal fishing was rampant before but this is now minimal."

In the morning, the beach was spruced up and clean again, thanks to caretaker Bunong. And it was time for some island-hopping, your best bet in Caramoan. Regular boat hire here would cost P1,000-P1,500. But boat caretaker Oscar charged us only for the gasoline and a tip for him and boatman Adol.

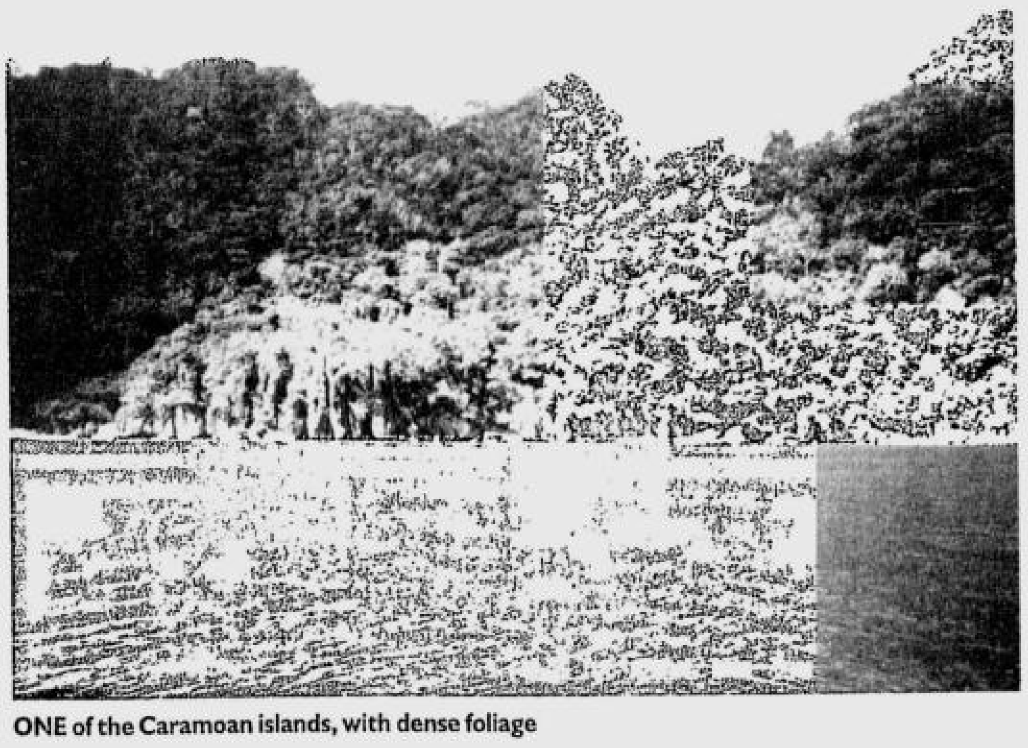
And the beauty of the peninsula unfolded before us. There was a panorama of islands and islets, mountain peaks with varied contours, caves, beach coves, mangroves and rock formations.

Feeling Coron, feeling El Nido! "And all the while I thought," quipped a cousin, Toti Mendoza, later on, "that the only things Bicol offered were a volcano (Mayon), a mountain of *sili* and a horde of (rebel) NPAs."

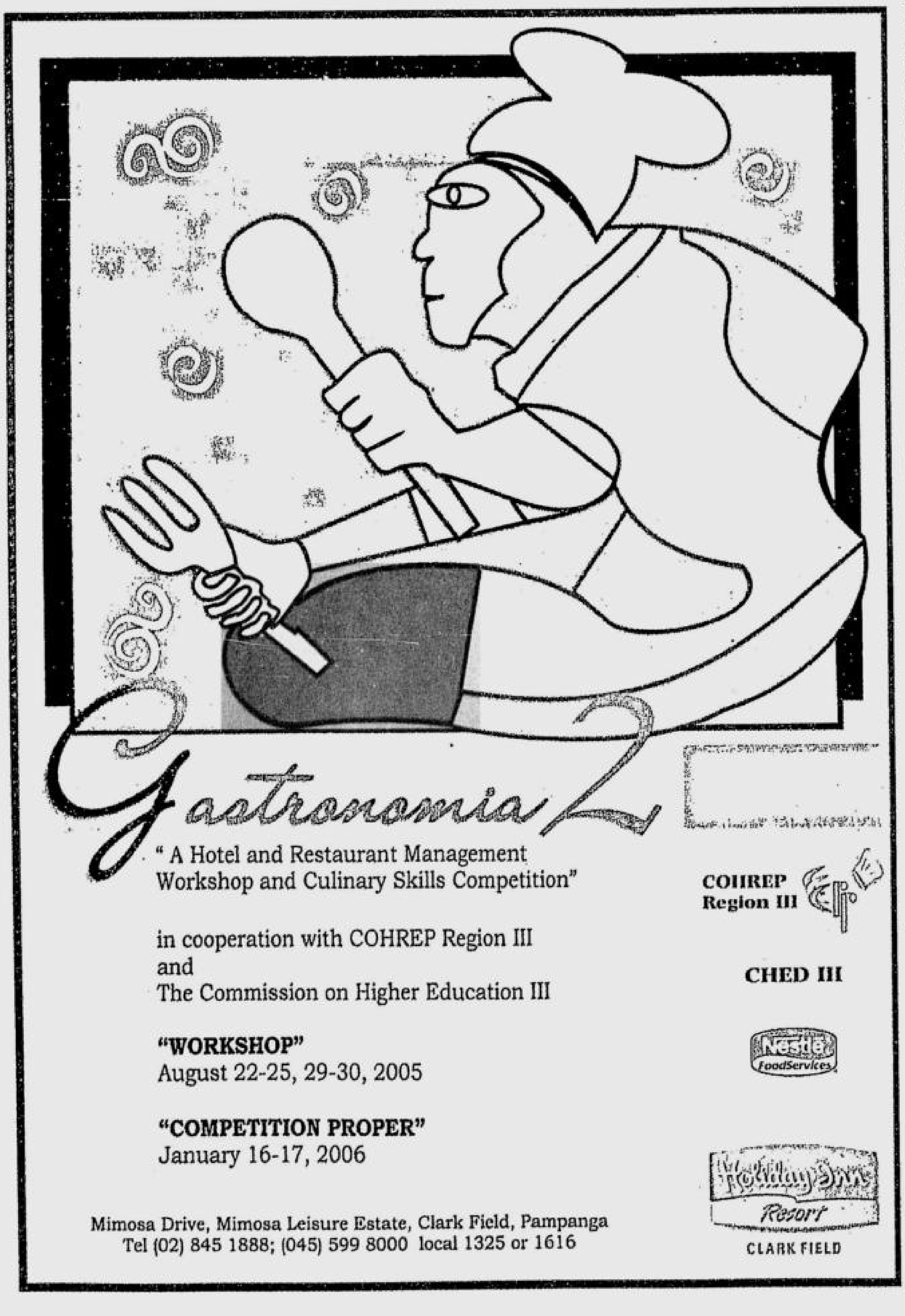
Now you and he know that there's also captivating Caramoan, the most beautiful area in all of Bicolandia.



FISHERFOLK prepare for a day's work at Lagonoy Gulf, Camarines Sur (above); approaching Tayak Beach (left)



ONE of the Caramoan islands, with dense foliage



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Two concerts end 2005 music season

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TWO concerts at the Atlantic ballroom of the Waterfront Cebu City Hotel concluded the 2005 season of the Peace Philharmonic of the Philippines (PPP) Chamber Players. **Ingrid Sala Santamaria**, the PPP's artistic director, was here for both occasions.

The April 23 concert, "Moments of Musical Reflection," was conducted by **Jeffrey Solares**, PPP's director of studies. The orchestra opened with Haydn's "The Echo."

Barney Fojas, excellent guitar artist, was soloist in Vivaldi's "Concerto in D Major of Guitar and Strings." He was also soloist in "Sunburst" by **Andrew York**, "Milwaukee" by **Benjamin Verdery** and "Saudade No, 3" by **Roland Dyens**.

Barney used an eight-string concert guitar made according to his specifications by **Adolfo Timuat** in Cebu. Barney, we learned, also learned to make guitars in Spain.

Next on the program was "Sonatina for Guitar and String Orchestra" by Torroba. Also featured were Elgar's 12-minute "Serenade for Strings." Six Rumanian dances by **Bela Bartok** capped the show. They were Sticks Dance, Sash Dance, In One Spot, Horn Dance, Rumanian Polka and Quick Dance.

Ingrid thanked Waterfront Hotel's GM **Marco Protacio** for the venue, and everyone for being punctual.

The deafening applause merited an encore, Grieg's "Holberg Suite," a preview of the next event on May 14, "The Soul of Cello," conducted by one of the country's best cellists, Professor **Renato Lucas** of the Philippine Philharmonic.

His rapport with the PPP was evident right from the very start, observed Swiss Ambassador **Lise Favre** who sat beside Dr. **Vivina Chiu Yrastorza**. "It's a powerful sound," whispered Vivina, when the Pachelbel Canon and Gigue were played.

A delight for the senses was Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Cellos, Strings and Harpsichord." Soloists were PPP's ace cellists, **Gerry Graham Gonzalez** and **Jibbie Rose Reyes**. This year, they were invited again to play at the Kobe (Japan) 1000-cello event.

The finale was Mozart's "Musical Joke," proving that comedy is best expressed by those with genius. The audience reacted to every offbeat nuance, and enthusiastically applauded at the end. For encore, professor Lucas played the third movement from Haydn's "Concerto for Cello."

"I cannot contain my pride," Ingrid said in her thank-you speech. "Tonight, they were at their best!"

Many agree that the PPP is Cebu's treasure, thanks to the efforts of the Salvador and Pilar Sala Foundation. The orchestra and other groups with similar goals are creating what may be the golden age of the arts in Cebu.

The following morning, Ingrid was off to Manila then to Bangkok to prepare for her 10th Romantic Music Journey with Baltimore-based Filipino pianist par excellence, **Reynaldo Reyes**.

Ingrid and Reynaldo started these tours in 2001, playing music from the Romantic Era. They have covered Luzon with two grand pianos in tow. They have also been to various parts of the Visayas and Mindanao as well as parts of the United States and Southeast Asia.

This 10th tour for Ingrid and Reynaldo started on June 14 with three concerts in Palos Verdes, Alhambra, and Aliso Viejo in Los Angeles. On June 21 they performed at the Jakarta Hilton. The show was organized by Philippine Ambassador **Shulan Primavera**.

Two days later, in Kuala Lumpur, they played at the home of German Ambassador and Ms **Herbert Jess** who, during their recent stint in Manila, organized similar concerts at their home with Ingrid and Reynaldo.

On June 27, the pianists were at the Hanoi Melia Hotel, in a show organized by Philippine Ambassador **Victoriano Lecaros**. On June 30 and July 1, they performed at the Ho Chi Minh Renaissance Riverside Hotel. **Christiane Wasfy**, who was general manager of Cebu's Marriott Hotel before moving to Vietnam, arranged both shows.

Ingrid and Reynaldo's Philippine tour started July 3 at her home in Magallanes Village, Makati City. It was organized by her daughter, **Crispy Santamaria Laurel**. On July 6, they were at Sta. Isabel College in Manila, where Ingrid once studied; and on July 7, at Reynaldo's alma mater, University of Santo Tomas.

Cebu performances at Boystown in Minglanilla and Girlstown in Talisay City, July 9 and 10, respectively, are organized by the Sisters of Mary. Ingrid says, "They have 2,500 students all seated on the floor at the gym, and as we play, you can drop a pin. Such is their attention, and discipline."

On July 10, at 6 p.m., there will be a concert at the Marcelo Fernan Cebu Press Center to mark the death anniversary of the late Chief Justice and Senate President, who helped PPP become what it is today.

Ingrid and Reynaldo will continue their tour throughout Manila and neighboring areas. On July 21, they will perform at the home of German Ambassador Dr. **Axel Weishaupt**. On July 30, they will be at the Rodelsa Hall of Liceo de Cagayan University (Cagayan de Oro City) where they will be welcomed by president **Rafaelita Pelaez Golez** and her pianist son, **Rudolf Golez**.

The tour concludes with performances in Bangkok on August 18-19, and the Jakarta Arts Center on Aug. 21.

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NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY

VACANCY NOTICE 2005/05
DATE ISSUED 20 July 2005
CLOSING DATE 15 August 2005
POST TITLE **National Professional Project Personnel (NPPP) for Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)**
OFFICE AND LOCATION UNFPA Philippines in Manila
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT Service Contract (1 year)
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Under the supervision of the UNFPA Representative, the NPPP for Operations Research and Monitoring & Evaluation is expected to provide technical expertise to evaluations and surveys of UNFPA-supported programmes and projects that are responsive to the country's need in the area of reproductive health (RH), population and gender.

More specifically, as part of the Country Office Team, the NPPP for Monitoring & Evaluation will undertake the following duties and responsibilities

As local person for monitoring and evaluation and research, provides assistance to the Reproductive Health (RH), Population, Development and Gender components as follows:

- ■ Develops a design for baseline research including the assessment tools covering the areas of RH, population and gender and leads the implementation the baseline survey in the pilot municipalities of the 6th CP
- ■ Provides technical assistance and guidance to all implementing agencies of the 6th Country Programme (6CP) in the area of research, monitoring and evaluation;
- ■ Prepares consolidated reports on research activities of the 6th CP, while identifying bottlenecks and recommendations for improving programme/project operations
- ■ Enhances existing monitoring tools and checklists developed for RH, ARH, Advocacy and Gender
- ■ As part of the UNFPA team, assists in the setting up of the project structures at the national, regional, provincial and municipal levels during the initial year of programme implementation
- ■ Performs other programme-related duties as may be required.

Essential Specifications and Competencies:

- ■ Minimum academic degree: Master's Degree in the social sciences
- ■ Five years or more of relevant, demonstrated professional experience in the conduct of field surveys and researches and in designing and installing monitoring and evaluation systems
- ■ Strong proven capacity for conceptual innovation, relationship building/partnering and networking, promoting teamwork and task management.
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MSH is currently seeking qualified candidates to function as Contracts Specialist.

CONTRACTS SPECIALIST

Overall Responsibilities:
The Contracts Specialist - Central/Regional will be involved in all aspects of the subcontracting cycle namely, Pre-solicitation, Solicitation, Review and Selection, Pre-award , Award, and Post-award Stages.

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:

Pre-solicitation Stage
a. In coordination with the LEAD technical team, develop the Statement of Objectives or Statement of Work for the Request for Proposals in conformance with the terms of the LEAD prime contract.
b. Assist in the selection of contract types, methods of solicitations from available options.
c. Determine options, milestones, and sources to be solicited.
d. Research and interpret United States (US) contracting rules as they apply to the subcontracting.

Solicitation Stage
a. Issue Requests for Proposals with appropriate provisions, well-defined statements of work, and appropriate award factors.

Review and Selection Stage
a. In coordination with the Performance-based Contracts (PBC) Manager, and relevant technical staff within the LEAD team, convene a selection committee for the review of proposals from bidders.
b. Develop required forms for the selection process.
c. Assist in the evaluation and analysis of proposals.
d. Together with the Financial Analyst, review cost proposals vis-à-vis the technical proposals to determine reasonableness, allocability and allowability of the costs proposed.
e. Under the direction of the PBC Manager, negotiate prices, terms and conditions of ranked proposals.
f. Prepare price negotiation memoranda.
g. Make recommendations on the results of evaluation.

Pre-award Stage
a. Refer ranked proposals for pre-award surveys to the Financial Analyst.

Award Stage
a. Under the direction of the PBC Manager, issues subcontracts to the SIO

Post-award Stage
a Serve as contact person for assigned subcontracts.
b. Establish and maintain a system for monitoring assigned subcontracts.
c. Effect subcontract closure at each completed stage of subcontracting.
d. On a regular basis, review the overall contracting process and make recommendations for improvement.

Desired Qualifications:
a. Basic four-year degree in related field
b. Three years or more of actual work experience in the middle management level involving LGU grants and contracts with a foreign donor
c. Familiarity with US government contracting rules
d. Strong computer application skills
e. Thorough and attentive to details
f. Good oral and written communication skills
g. Two years of a specialized experience that demonstrates knowledge of business practices and market conditions applicable to government contracts and grants including subcontract and grant management, tracking, monitoring and evaluation.

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FIELD COORDINATORS

Overall Responsibilities:
The Field Coordinator shall be responsible for leading and managing the implementation of project plans, programs and activities, including the provision of attendant financial, organizational administrative, systems and such other support requirements, in his respective area of operation

Special Tasks and Responsibilities:
1. Lead and manage the implementation of the annual project/LGU unit work plan, and the formulation and implementation of area specific plans, programs, strategies and activities for the successful implementation of the project/LGU Unit work plan;
2. Lead and manage, oversee, coordinate or facilitate the area implementation of specific plans, programs, strategies, or activities formulated or initiated by the LGU Unit and other units in the project either directly or through subcontracting institutions/organizations or such other methods of implementation;
3. Responsible for the monitoring of project deliverables and this impact of technical assistance at the LGU level,
4. Coordinate with other donors and cooperating agencies supporting related programs in the region of assignment and keep partners informed about the status of project activities,
5. Prepare regular and special reports that project management or the Field Operations Manager may require,
6. Perform such other tasks assigned by the Team Leader and the Field Operations Manager.

Desired Qualifications:
1. A graduate of a social, political, or health-related science course;
2. Has knowledge of the area and preferably comes from the area of operation;
3. Has experience in implementing a health project/program related to FP, MCH, HIV-AIDS, TB Control, Vitamin. A supplementation and health sector reform
4. Has political savvy and must be a team player;
5. With skills in advocacy, training, community organizing, and mobilization of BHWs,
6. Has extensive experience in working with LGUs, civil society groups, and private health service providers;
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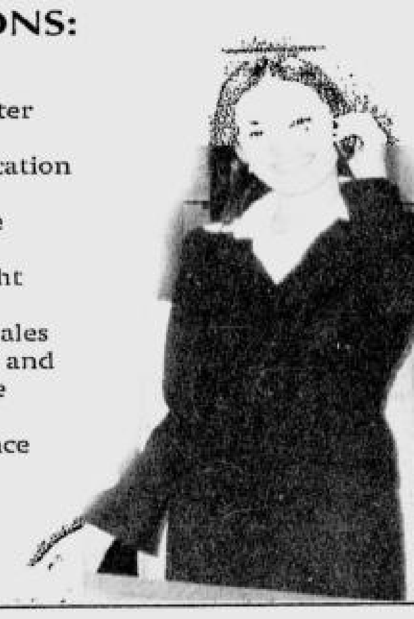

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PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SPECIALIST

Overall Responsibilities:
The Project Performance Measurement Specialist ensures that Project activities and major interventions are consistent with Project performance targets and contractual obligations. It is her/his responsibility to make sure that results monitoring and evaluation become an integral element of every technical assistance, intervention, or program undertaken by the project. The Specialist provides overall leadership and coordination in establishing realistic performance measures, incorporating these into plans, and making sure that these are adequately tracked, and regularly reported on

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:
1. Coordinate the implementation of the LEAD Project Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (PMEP), the Project's main guide to the systematic and timely data collection, monitoring, analysis and reporting of Project performance, LGU performance, and the measurement of Project impact.
2. Coordinate with the different implementing units in establishing regular benchmarks. targets of LGU, policy and project performance, in formulating Workplans, and in reporting on the status of benchmarks and Project accomplishments.
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Desired Qualifications:
1. Master's degree or its equivalent in data analysis and performance assessment.
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3. Approximately 5 years working experience in management oversight & implementation of activities in measurement of performance and data analysis.
4. Familiarity and understanding of local government systems and development of data systems for performance measurement

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NTFP Exchange Programme

The NTFP-EP (Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Programme), a regional network of organizations based in Southeast Asia (*see* www.ntfp.org), is in search of personnel for the CustomMade Crafts Center (CMCC). CMCC is an alternative product development and marketing arm for indigenous and upland artisans. CMCC is a programme of the NTFP-Task Force, a nationwide network of grassroots NGOs and Peoples Organizations working towards dual goals of forest conservation and enhanced livelihoods. The ff: personnel are needed:

Managing Director

Responsibilities include: overseeing the different functions (finance, marketing, sales, production) of the CMCC, implementing the CMCC business plan, overseeing the performance and monitoring the targets of the various components, managing the CMCC personnel, conceptualizing, directing and implementing marketing, brand management and media related activities, and coordinating with the designers pool.

Qualifications:

- Has had at least 3 years experience in business management
- Has a business management or related degree
- Holds a Masters in Business Management (preferred)
- Has experience in the handicrafts and/or fashion industry (preferred)
- Has familiarity/experience working in the NGO (development) sector
- Has good people management skills
- Fluent in both English and Filipino
- Knowledgeable in the use of Powerpoint, Word and Excel

Sales Officer

The Sales Officer is a junior executive who will focus on conceptualizing and implementing sales strategies in line with the business plan. He /She is responsible for penetrating new and monitoring existing distribution channels. In coordination with the managing director, the sales officer leads in the preparation and management of promotional tools which includes website, product catalogues, brochures and other merchandising materials. The sales officer is responsible for maintaining the showroom and answering customer inquiries and post-sales service.

Qualifications:

- Has had at least 1 year experience in sales, marketing, customer service or related field (preferred)
- Has a degree in sales, marketing or communications (preferred)
- Has familiarity/experience with the handicrafts and/or fashion industry (preferred)
- Has familiarity/experience with/in the NGO (development) sector
- Has good presentation skills, human relation skills and has very good oral and written communication skills.
- Fluent in both English and Filipino.
- Knowledgeable in the use of Powerpoint and Excel
- Knowledgeable in web-site management and layout, graphic art (preferred)

Submit letters of Application and Resumés (including 2 references) to NTFP-EP, 92-A Masikap Extension, Brgy. Central, Diliman, Quezon City 1101 or e-mail to ntfp.ep@gmail.com not later than August 4, 2005. Only short-listed applicants will be notified.

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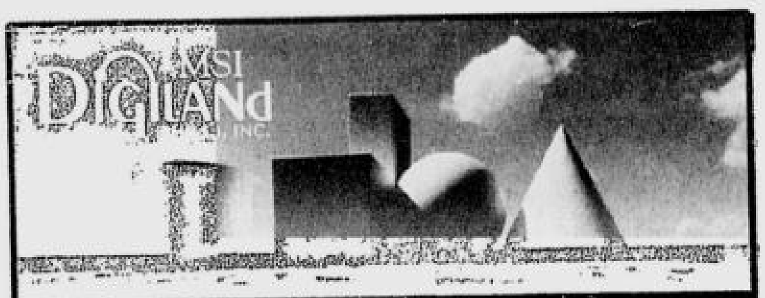

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7. Could work on extended hours, when necessary

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(Job Code: MCO)

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11. Design and oversee publication of VSO Bahaginan's communications materials on an on-going and need basis;
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13. Act as Editor-in-Chief of Kabahagi, the official newsletter of VSO Bahaginan, and work closely with the Editorial board, particularly with the Managing Editor to ensure that objectives of the Bahaginan newsletter are met;
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(For Metro Manila & Provincial)

- ✔ Between 20 – 25 years old
- ✔ Graduate of any Business related course
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- ✔ Highly creative, dynamic, flexible, a team player
- ✔ Able to spearhead / assist in product development
- ✔ Qualified individuals from industries with a mass-based market are encourages to apply
- ✔ Rank will be commensurate w/ experience

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Account Officer

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- ✔ With at least 2 yrs. experience as Account Officer for Commercial and Consumer Loans

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- ✔ Between 22 - 35 years old
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- ✔ Must be highly analytical

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- ✔ Knowledgeable in all backroom operations
- ✔ Highly creative, dynamic, flexible, able to spearhead/assist in product development.
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(For Metro Manila)

- ✔ Graduate of any Business related course
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- ✔ Must be able to manage a team of account officers handling specific accounts or loan portfolios.
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- ✓ With at least 5 years experience in Treasury operations, Treasury product marketing and dealership

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- ✓ With at least 3 years experience as Branch Manager
- ✓ Must possess excellent managerial and leadership skills
- ✓ Ability to speak Chinese would be an advantage

BRANCH OPERATIONS OFFICER

- ✓ Graduate of any 4-year Business Course
- ✓ With at least 2 years experience as Branch Operations Officer
- ✓ Ability to speak Chinese would be an advantage

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Qualifications:
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- Solid experience with MySQL database.
- Mastery of XHTML and JavaScript.
- Advanced knowledge of Apache web server
- Knowledge of XML/RSS a PLUS.

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Qualifications:
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- Proficiency in Dreamweaver and FTP.

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- Solid Windows-based computer skills (browsers, MS Office, HTML).
- A degree related to, or solid experience in, Marketing and IT.
- Solid grasp of online marketing concepts such as Search Engine Marketing (SEO, Directories), e-mail, mobile marketing, CRM, direct marketing, advertising and promotions, loyalty systems.
- Familiarity with Web Position Gold, search engines, web directories, CPC, PPC. Solid experience with Internet issues; web site navigation, search engines, e-commerce, e-mail newsletters, links, clicks, affiliate programs.
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- ➢ General controlling over engineering activities including exchanging of plans, drawings and other information with customers, approval of equipment layouts and network configuration data;
- ➢ Supervision and control over sub-contractors to strictly comply with the relevant conditions of the contract
- ➢ Participate in bidding activities, identify implementation requirement from tender document, plan resources and budget as well as make out solution for customer implementation demand and undertake procurement management when necessary.

Requirements
- ➢ At least two years' working experience in telecommunication project management
- ➢ **At least Bachelor Degree of Telecommunication Engineering or Electronics Engineering**

2. SERVICE ACCOUNT MANAGER

Main Responsibilities:
- ➢ Service market planning and customer relation planning
- ➢ Responsible for the customer service problem solving, customer relationship maintaining & improvement
- ➢ Service sale

Requirements:
- ➢ Solid experience in telecommunications field (at least 1 year experience in technical support service), prior to more than 1 year experience in international telecom company
- ➢ Bachelor degree or above in Telecommunications, Computer science or Electronics or equivalent
- ➢ Good presentation , interpersonal, problem solving skills and communication skills
- ➢ Excellent command of both written and spoken English
- ➢ Less than 35 years old
- ➢ Responsible, independent and able to work under pressure

3. CDMA & GSM PRODUCT TECHNICAL SUPPORT ENGINEER

Main Responsibilities:
- ➢ Perform post-sales project implementation and technical support for GSM/CDMA/3G such as on-site survey, installation, commissioning and maintenance.
- ➢ Provide post-sales technical support to customers through remote and on-site trouble-shooting.
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Requirements:
- ➢ Bachelor degree or above majoring in Telecommunications, Electronics, Electrical, or related area.
- ➢ Minimum 1 year of experience dealing with mobile communication network.
- ➢ Hands-on skill and knowledge on GSM/GPRS/CDMA network engineering.
- ➢ Good communication skills and a team player and able to work well in a fast-paced changing environment.
- ➢ Frequent business travels to support projects in other cities will be required.

4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT ENGINEER (SWITCH & ACCESS NETWORK)

Main Responsibilities:
- ➢ Perform technical supports such as on-site survey, installation, commissioning and maintenance with excellent customer service skills.
- ➢ Implement operation & maintenance solution in-time and effectively to fulfill customers' requirement and solve technical issue.
- ➢ To construct and maintain up-to-date network information to ensure accurate and sufficient database for maintenance & troubleshooting.

Requirements:
- ➢ Bachelor degree or above majoring in Telecommunications, Electronics, Electrical, or related area.
- ➢ Minimum 2 years of related systems engineering and network design experience in the telecommunications and/or data communication environment.
- ➢ Experience in both a service provider and telecommunication equipment vendor environment preferred.
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5. RADIO NETWORK PLANNING & RADIO NETWORK OPTIMIZATION ENGINEER

Main Responsibilities:
- ➢ Be responsible for 2G&3G radio network design and radio network performance improvement service delivery.
- ➢ Be responsible for technical marketing and sales support of network and technology consulting services.
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Requirements:
- ➢ University degree or above in electronic / telecommunications engineering, science or a relevant area.
- ➢ Fluent in English
- ➢ At least 2 years working experience in GSM or CDMA, WCDMA is preferred.
- ➢ Ability to work independently and to build up good customer relations.
- ➢ Good Communication skills and ability to work in multi-cultural environment.
- ➢ Self-motivated, customer oriented

6. SERVICE AND SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Main Responsibilities:
- ➢ Be responsible for Intelligent Network project implementation, which includes installation and testing.
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- ➢ Be responsible for service related technical activities.

Requirements:
- ➢ A university degree in telecommunications engineering, computer science or above.
- ➢ Working on telecom industry for 1 year at least.
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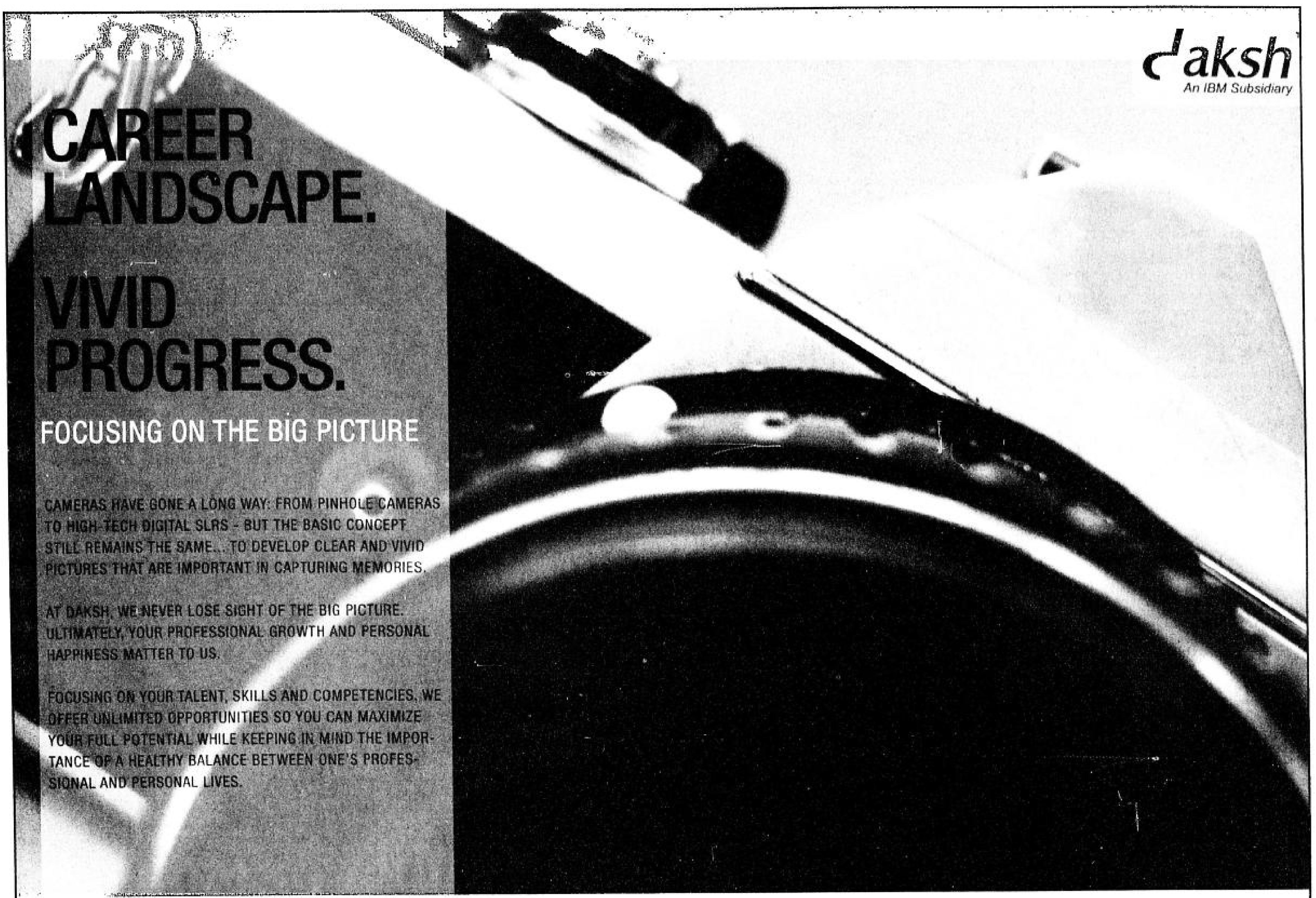

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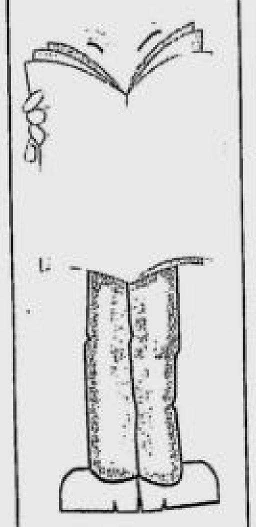

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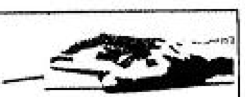

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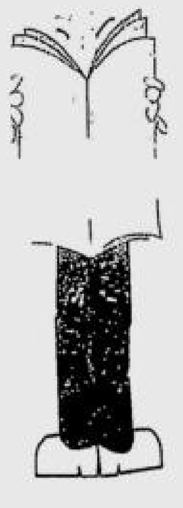

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It starts with a 'P'

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

YOU'VE heard of career switching, of course? It used to be just one career for life—one earned a degree in Education to be a teacher for the rest of one's life. A young man learned woodcarving from his father, then carved wood until he was too old to continue. A girl was taught to sew curtains by her mother and found happiness sewing curtains until her eyes dimmed at age 75. Career used to be practically coterminus with life—but not anymore. People have been quitting at the oddest points in their career, venturing into another path, and hitting it big, even if they have to start from scratch again. Why so?

Look hard inside any success story of people who have changed careers and you'll see that the secret is a word that begins with the letter "P." Can you guess what the word is? A clue lies in the Gospel verse focus for today—it's neither "pearl" nor "price" but it is a pearl of great price, and it is called: passion.

People who have surprised others and found success by taking the plunge into often unknown territory will tell you that their career move—through darkness and uncertainty at the start—was ignited by passion, and the same passion sustained them to success in their new career. Finding your passion at work is like finding that "pearl of great price" for which one gives up all possessions to own. You give up a stable job, move residences, invest all your earnings—because you have discovered your passion. Once recognized and pursued, it takes hold of you, then takes care of you, then rewards you with joy. How do you know you have passion in your present work? If you can honestly answer YES to this question: "Would I do this work even if I didn't get any pay or material reward for it?" (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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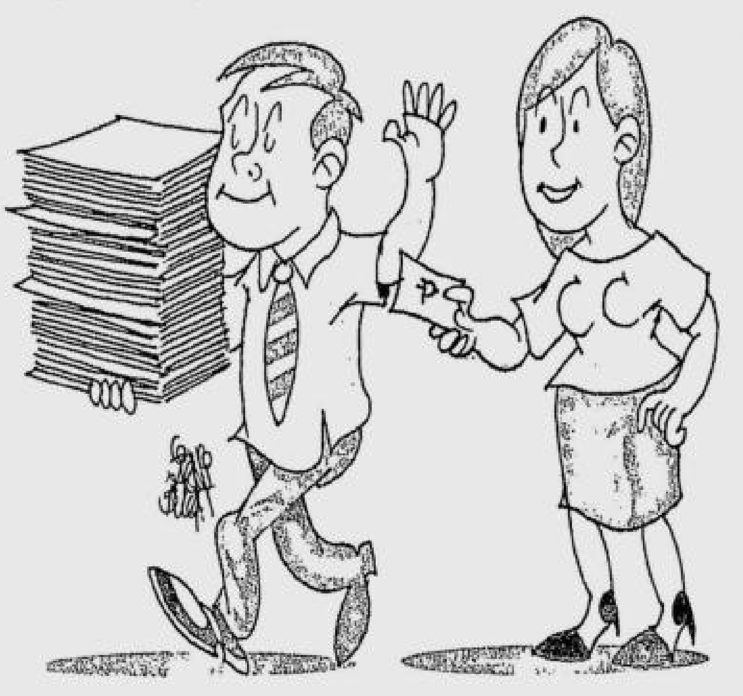

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Worth dying for

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

WORK is undoubtedly a very important value that almost everyone regards so dearly. We have to pay a high price to get it—spend much time, effort and money for a good education and training in order to get a good job. When we get the work, we spend almost everything we have to keep it at all cost—sacrificing sometimes our physical health and or emotional well-being which often times result from heavy workload and the stress in a competitive workplace. Those who still desire for a much higher paying job abroad sometimes have to "sell almost all that they have" in order to get their dream job. Indeed, work seems to have become a "pearl of great price" which most of us value as much as our very own life.

But Jesus presents in today's Gospel a more valuable "pearl of great price" than work, which is the kingdom of heaven—the reign of God in the hearts and lives of everyone and in every event in the whole of the universe, including the world of work. Jesus suggests that this is the highest and greatest value and that everything including work should find its proper place in relation to the primacy of God.

The worker who believes and accepts the kingship of Christ in his heart will offer his work as humble homage and worship to Him. He will not make his work an excuse for not giving sufficient time for the Lord. He would even be ready to sacrifice his life in his job if he believes that his work is a concrete way of making others feel God's loving care and presence in our world. Thus, his work becomes a priceless pearl worth dying for. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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Bob Rosner

Your e-mail reminded me of the vice presidential debate when Dick Cheney encouraged viewers to go to factcheck.com for an "unbiased" view. Unfortunately, what the Vice President meant to say was factcheck.ORG. When factcheck.com started receiving over 100,000 hits per second, its owner quickly diverted the traffic to an anti-Bush site. Oops.

The Vice President is not alone. Often in business our communication is less than precise and we suffer as a result. Below I've listed a variety of strategies for bosses to improve the clarity of your communications. For more, check out "100 Helpful Tips for Great Managers" an e-book by Lisa Haneberg and yours truly. (Available via http://forbossday.com).

Do you send out e-mail summaries and notes after a meeting you've run? Have you ever forgotten a meeting just after it ended? This happens to your subordinates too, even though the meetings you run are no doubt riveting. That's why it's so important to follow up your meetings with an e-mail reminder of exactly what was decided and what's next.

Do you spend time with your peers? Sorry, e-mail doesn't qualify. It's important to spend face-to-face or phone time with your most important contacts at work. I'm a believer in a 5:1 ratio of e-mails to actual conversations. Sure it takes more time, but it's a small cost compared to the risk of sprinting in a totally different direction from the rest of your company.

Do you communicate twice as much as you think you should? Sure there are micro-managers out there who need to do less, not more, communicating. The problem is that for every micro-manager, there are 10 bosses who just don't communicate enough. One simple test to see where you fall in this continuum: ask your employees to describe their job and the direction of the department to see if you are all pointed in the same direction. If not, you need to communicate more.

Do you solicit input before decisions are final? It's insulting to be asked your opinion after a decision has already been made. If the people you work with were smart enough to be hired in the first place, take the time to see what insight they might have before you make an important decision.

Do you eliminate fuzzy words? "Give 110 percent," "working smarter not harder," sometimes it seems that the only things more popular than layoffs at work these days are meaningless clichés. As Jack Canfield once said, "A goal without a number is a slogan." The more specific you are with your team, the greater the odds that they'll know what you want them to do and do it.

As embarrassing as it is to get the facts wrong when you are sending people to a fact check site, hopefully we can all learn a lesson from Mr. Cheney.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: How clear a communicator are you at work?

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Daycare in the office: A welcome perk for busy parents

By Ime Morales Aznar
Contributor

(First of two parts)

CRISTY, an office employee who works in Makati, leaves her three children with their grandmother everyday when she goes to work. Her husband also works on weekdays. She admits that mornings are especially hectic because she has to prepare their food and her preschooler's school things before she could leave for work. And because they don't have a nanny or *yaya* at the moment, Cristy's mother single-handedly takes care of the three small children while Cristy and her husband are in the office.

Many families share Cristy's domestic concerns. Who will take care of the children while the parents are at work? Who will bring and fetch them from school? Who will prepare their food and look after their needs? Even if there is a *yaya*, many parents still worry about their children and constantly call home to check on them.

It is certainly a good thing that many companies have started to recognize this need and are now trying to address their employees' family issues and requirements. They have integrated work-life balance programs or family-friendly work-life programs into their benefits package to offer additional assistance to married (or even single) employees. This assistance can take the form of daycare facilities offered to employees. Three companies, IBM Philippines, Inc., Johnson & Johnson Philippines, and the Philippine Daily Inquirer, have this facility as part of their employee benefits package.

IBM Philippines

What used to be a simple drop-in center has now evolved into a full daycare facility called Little Steps. IBM's drop-in center was started in 2000, providing a venue for IBM parents to leave their children while they work. The daycare center, with the structured education program, was only opened last June 15. Nicky Enriquez, country operations manager of IBM (Human Resources and Staff Services), says that the space was "mostly used only during summer, so we thought of how it can be of more value to the employees." She also admits that learning institutions are more expensive and that parents are hard pressed to find a good place for their children, at affordable rates.

"So we looked for corporate service providers and made sure that the people we're talking to are really good educators," Enriquez continues. They formed a partnership with Little Dipper Learning Center, an Early Child Education/Development Center based in Ortigas, and opened Little Steps after IBM Philippines received the approval from the IBM headquarters this year. "We were given some budget allocation, so for the first two years, tuition fees are subsidized," reveals Vera Llarena, human resources professional for IBM Philippine's human resources division.

Modern, safe

Little Steps has different activity centers: playing area, reading area and computer area. It has a bathroom (with hot and cold water), an area for napping, and a child-friendly comfort room with safety features. The center also has two computer units. "We teach kids to be familiar with technology and to get comfortable with computers," Enriquez says. Security is also assured. According to her, "there are plans for emergencies, everybody knows what to do."

Little Steps can accommodate 12 children at one time. Currently, its nine pupils are being taught and supervised by one teacher and one teacher aide from Little Dipper, both of them licensed educators. "Little Dipper is known as a good school, they have a good curriculum for the kids," affirms Llarena. Enriquez adds that her brother, also an IBM-er, transferred his children from a private institution in New Manila to Little Steps. "I do believe in this program and the quality education that Little Steps offers, the curriculum is very progressive," Enriquez says.

Benefits of daycare

Florence Villones, HR Partner/RDL for IBM Solutions Delivery, Inc., enrolled her three-year-old son, Dominic Angelo, at Little Steps. She enumerates some of the things that she likes about the center: "First, they check the children's temperature before the class; I think that's a good way of controlling and taking care of the children's health. Secondly, I like the way they display the children's works around the place—it lets me know what my son can do in this stage. Third, I like the small student-teacher ratio—the teacher can actually concentrate on each child." To give more value to the children's achievements, Llarena adds that each child's works are consolidated in one CD and given to the parents at the end of the school year.

The daycare center offers its services to children of IBM employees, including employees of IBM's subsidiaries. Enriquez says that "IBM is big on helping employees and their families." According to Villones, she has fewer worries now that her son's just a floor below her. "I'm more confident that he's well taken cared of while having fun and learning at the same time; because of these, I tend to be more focused at work because I don't have to think of calling home and asking how he's been doing."

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RODEL ROTONI

LITTLE Steps' reading area with a selection of children's books.

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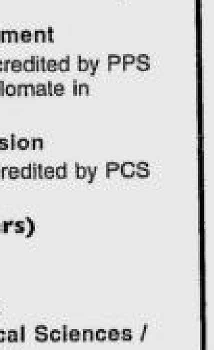

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Freedom to choose is God's greatest gift

BEST ★ Attitudes

By Teresa Reyes Tunay
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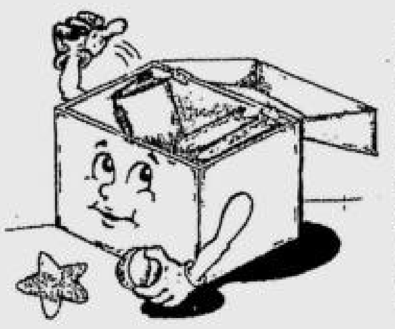
AT A SEMINAR of workers, the facilitator gathered the participants in a huge circle and then placed a box in the center. He told the participants to "experience the box."

1 One of them asked, "How do you experience a box?" The facilitator offered no answer, saying that it was part of the experience not to know what to do.

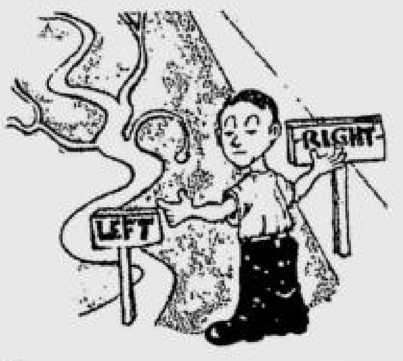
2 When it was time to share their "experiences," most of the participants described the box. Many tried to guess what was inside. One said all he wanted to do was open it to satisfy his curiosity. But one of them said:



3 "I pretended to be the box. I gave it life. I made it think. I became the box. I thought I'd be very useful because people can put so many things inside me to organize their storage. I can contain anything: paper, bottles, trash, food, soap, books, anything people would like to put inside me.

4 "Then I thought, as myself, not as the box, 'Oh, isn't that awful? They can put anything inside of me and I have no choice?' Am I glad I'm not a box—I am human! A box has no choice. I have. A box just holds what's put inside it. People don't put things into me—I choose what I put inside me.

5 "Whether I want to fill myself with garbage or with beautiful things, it's my choice. What do I stuff myself with? Things that harm my health? What do I feed my mind with? Good thoughts or hatred and suspicion? It's my choice. I am not a box; I am a human being. I have a choice."



6 We'd be a lot more fulfilled as human beings if we remember to develop and use that gift: choice. Whatever we do, we always choose. We always decide to do or not to do something. Even when we think we have no choice, or that we are forced to act in a certain way, we do have choice.

7 For example, a friend requests us to punch his time card for him on the day he wants to skip work. We do, so when we get caught, we shouldn't say "He made me do it!" because we choose to grant his request.

8 All our actions are of our own making. Because we decide to do something (no matter what our reasons are), we use our faculty to choose. Therefore, the responsibility to own the action is ours. We can't blame anybody for the consequences of our choice. We are not boxes; we are human beings.

9 How many times a day do we use this gift of choice wisely? Do we choose the food for our mind and body, or do we let other people choose for us? Do we do something wrong because "everybody does it" or do we do what's right because we choose to do good and shun evil?

10 Choice. Let's not allow this marvelous gift to rust. Let's use it. It was meant to show us how brave and free we can be as humans. And so that we may be guided to make the best possible choice, anytime, anywhere, let's not forget to call on God for guidance!

'Why am I not being promoted?'

By Josie O. Santamaria

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

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I AM a regular reader of the career articles in the Inquirer and one of the articles I always look forward to is your advice to readers. Please help me with my problem in my work.

I'm an IT graduate of a very good school and graduated with cum laude honors. Getting a job was easy for me. Getting a promotion is a big hurdle.

My problem is that I'm not getting the recognition that I believe I deserve. I do the assigned tasks required of my position excellently. Why do I say "excellently"? Because I always get "very good" and "outstanding" ratings from my boss. I've had three bosses already. Unluckily for me, I've never been promoted since I was hired; in fact, I've never been considered for promotion for the past 11 years. I only rise to the next higher job level in the professional path.

I'm in a plateau. I'm not getting anywhere in my career. I'm always rank and file in status. My batchmates in our company and my former classmates are now managers, and even executives, in their respective companies. In fact, the head of our department is my batchmate who has already been promoted four times to be in his present position.

I'm still single at 33 years and female. This is another area of frustration because I have not found the right man and I'm always the object of jokes among my family and relatives. I don't have close friends with whom I can share my problems and from whom I can get help in my problems, personal and career. My world revolves around the office and home. I don't have a social life to speak of. I'm an 8 to 6 office worker. It takes me two to three hours to go home from Makati to Batangas so I have no time to socialize with my officemates after work.

I feel so frustrated and so humiliated when I compare myself with my batchmates and my classmates. In fact, I don't attend family and school reunions because I feel embarrassed when teased about my being single and asked about my job status. I've sent my resumé to head hunters but I don't get serious job offers after initial interviews.

Ms Downhearted

Your frustration stems from four sources:

1. Not getting the recognition you want for the excellent work you do, meaning a promotion to a management position;

2. Comparison of yourself with your batchmates and former classmates who have advanced in their careers;

3. Not being married at your age and having no serious boyfriend (perhaps, you don't even have any boyfriend at all), and

4. Not having close friends who can understand and appreciate your situation and give you advice and direct help.

I regret to have to say this to you: the four areas of your frustration revolve around you. There is a need for you to look at yourself and to seek feedback from your boss and peers about your attitudes, behavior and performance. I don't know what advice to give you that will cushion the pain of the advice you are seeking from me.

Tough advice

Let me first address your nonpromotion. Not every outstanding performer is cut out for a management path. Getting outstanding ratings in the performance of your current tasks is only one of three major factors in assessing your promotability. The second is your leadership potential. Do you have the ability to lead a team and influence the behavior and performance of others? When you speak, do others listen to you? Do you listen to others? Are you open to others' ideas? Do you relate well with your boss and with your peers? Do you genuinely like people or want to work with them? Do you share your knowledge and skills? Are you able to set aside self-interest to work for the interest of the team?

There are other questions to ask yourself in the area of leadership. More important than asking is listening to the feedback of those you work with. Self-perception is very different from the way others perceive you. Very often, we have a big blindspot, that is, we do not see weaknesses that others observe in us. Unfortunately, they will not volunteer this feedback unless you know how to get this information and graciously accept it.

Honest feedback

Obviously, your bosses have not been giving you honest feedback beyond giving you high ratings on your performance of technical tasks. I suggest that you set an appointment with your superior. Ask him or her for the reasons why you have not been considered for promotion and what areas for improvement can he or she suggest. Ask him or her to assess your chances of being promoted. A suggested transaction could be like this:

"Sir/Ma'am, I thank you for the high ratings you've given me in your performance appraisal. Because of such consistently high ratings, I'm wondering what could be the reason or reasons why I am not being considered for promotion to supervisor. Please help me with your feedback so I would know what I can change in myself and what to improve to maximize my chances of you recommending me for promotion."

Then, listen with an open mind. Clarify and paraphrase for understanding. Take down notes of what he or she says. Then, make your own development plan and have your boss approve it. A development plan consists of a goal with a target date for completion, and actions you will take to achieve the goal. Each action plan has a specific date to start and to end.

Readiness for promotion

The third factor in assessing your promotability is readiness. Are you ready to assume the next higher position? By when? Here is where your initiative, resourcefulness and being proactive come in. Upwardly mobile employees take time to know the required competencies of the next higher position. Find out the job description of a supervisor and know the competencies (functional/technical, mana gerial, administrative, leadership, interpersonal and communication skills) needed of a supervisor. Then, deliberately seek out opportunities to develop and hone these competencies. If you have a good relationship with your boss, you can ask him or her for help through coaching and mentoring. I suggest you read books on basic supervision and management.

No comparison

Your second area of frustration is your falling short of the achievements of your former classmates and batchmates when you compare yourself with them. When you compare yourself with others, you inevitably end up being bitter if you are behind them or vain if you are ahead of them.

It might help you to know that a major paradigm shift in career development is that "up" is no longer the place to go. Very lean organizations have flat structures and/or use self-directed teams.

People who are very competent in the technical area but don't have what it takes to rise in the management ladder can develop personal mastery. This means developing all your skills and potentials in a particular technical and professional field so that you attain expert status. You can then become a mentor to new employees. If you are chosen to mentor new employees, it is a sign of recognition. You experience self-fulfillment when all your potentials are actualized or brought out and developed and you are able to share your abilities and skills with others. Your talents, after all, come from God and He expects you to share them with others.

Interpersonal skills

Your third area of concern is that, at 33 years of age, you are not yet married and have no serious boyfriend proposing marriage to you. This is related to your fourth concern about not having close friends. You reason out that your life revolves around office and home. This shows that you have no interest in developing friends, because even in the office, you can develop friendly relationships with your peers of both genders.

Perhaps you isolate yourself from others and you are seen as boastful or *mayabang* (especially since you are an intelligent person and perhaps, you want others to know this) or unpleasant or *mataray*. In general, men shy away from women who show superiority because of their intelligence, achievements and status.

Offhand, I can say that you have to develop your self-confidence and your personality. Start with looking good and feeling good. Pay attention to good and attractive grooming, your poise and power dressing. Be interested in people. If you don't like people and you show this by avoiding them, chances are they won't like you also and they will avoid you, too. You show interest in people by smiling at them, listening to them, finding ways you can help them in their work, asking for their help and showing sincere appreciation for the help they give you.

Develop yourself

I can suggest the following specific steps you can take to develop your self-confidence, your personality and your leadership potential:

1. Read good books on personal mastery and personal leadership such as:
   - "How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie
   - "21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John Maxwell
   - "Seven Basic Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey
2. Enroll in short courses to develop your personality and your assertive communication skills. You may want to call up:
   - Dale Carnegie Institute of the Philippines (tel. no. 633-7995)
   - The Toastmasters Club (Orient Pearl Toastmasters Club, tel. no.373-2230, ask for Ms Reyes; The Beacon Toastmasters Club, tel. no. 889-8171, ask for Ms Gles Fuerte; Blue Cross Toastmasters Club, tel. no. 899-5217, ask for Ms Celia Imperial; Blue Swoosh Toastmasters Club, tel. no. 830-4200, ask for Mr. Brian Calaycay)

You must be open and willing to change yourself from the inside (your attitudes, paradigms and values) and out (your appearance, grooming, poise and your behaviors). God bless you.

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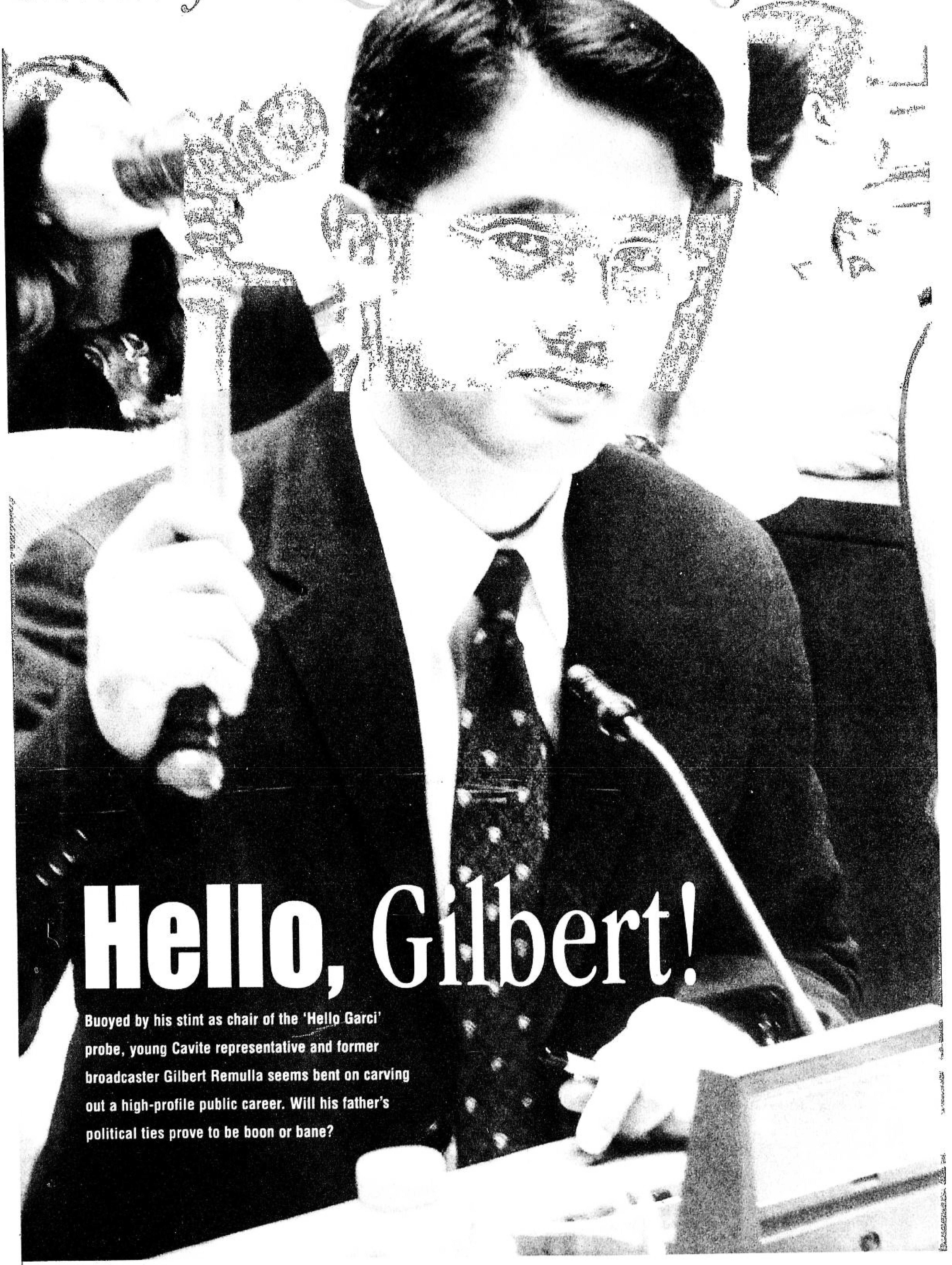

Hello, Gilbert!

Buoyed by his stint as chair of the 'Hello Garci' probe, young Cavite representative and former broadcaster Gilbert Remulla seems bent on carving out a high-profile public career. Will his father's political ties prove to be boon or bane?

by Fe B. Zamora
photographs by August dela Cruz

BY the time you read this, Cavite Rep. Gilbert C. Remulla and his wife Georgia would have returned from their wedding anniversary trip to Hong Kong. By this time, too, Remulla, who steered the five-committee joint hearing on the controversial "Hello Garci" tapes last month, would have made the final, irrevocable decision of affixing his signature on the impeachment raps against President Arroyo. But then again, he may not.

There seems to be no second-guessing this young legislator who has so far proven himself to be a walking bundle of contradictions.

On the eve of his flight to Hong Kong, Remulla confides that he had been thinking "long and hard" on the charges that the President had stolen the mandate from rival presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr., and that he had concluded that Ms. Arroyo must be given her day in court. "She must be given a chance to answer the accusations that she cheated, not only in media, but according to the constitutional processes," he says.

He was rather perturbed, adds Remulla, about the possibility that if the Lower House ignores the accusations, the people's clamor for redress could explode in violence. Yet he could not dismiss outright the sinister view proffered by Palace partisans that if Ms Arroyo were impeached, the military would intervene.

So, has he made up his mind? He laughs: "I already know where my heart lies."

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Sipping coffee at the lobby of a five-star hotel, the congressman was cool to strangers' warm commendations about his handling of the hearings on the "Hello Garci" tapes. He also visibly shrank into his seat when a government official and known ally of the First Couple sauntered by. He claims the official had been making offers to House representatives for them to spurn the opposition's plan to impeach the President.

Yet he refuses to publicly condemn the practice of buying off legislators to ensure Ms Arroyo's continued grip on power. "There is a culture of political patronage," Remulla says wistfully. "Changing all these would take time." He continues: "When I entered politics, I knew what not to be. It was not to be in the mold of a traditional politician."

And yet again, he admits to having supported Jose de Venecia—known hereabouts as the quintessential "trapo"—in his bid to become House speaker, for purely political reasons. According to Remulla, the Partido Magdalo, which was founded by the Remulla patriarch, former Cavite Governor Juanito "Johnny" Remula, had allied itself with the Nacionalista Party which, in turn, supports the ruling Lakas party that JDV represented.

Severed ties

During the campaign, however, the Magdalo party became allied with the opposition Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) that later split into the Sen. Edgardo Angara and the Sen. Panfilo Lacson factions. The Angara-wing supported FPJ, while the Magdalos supported fellow Caviteño and blood-relative Lacson. But the Remullas later found out that Lacson had junked the congressional bid of Jesus Crispin "Boying" Remulla for the 3rd district of Cavite, in favor of ex-Magdalo member Ruben Madlangsacay.

Boying, who was chief of the Presidential Management Staff during the Estrada administration, won but bad blood had been spilled. The Remullas severed their ties with the LDP opposition, to join the NP under the ruling coalition. But the NP is not monolithic, clarifies Remulla. "Some members are with the opposition, others with the administration."

He himself was originally opposition from 2001 to 2004, when he served his first term. In fact, Remulla belonged to the "Brat Pack," a group of young legislators who tried to impeach Chief Justice Hilario Davide in 2003. "I was a very vocal critic of Ms Arroyo. Now, I try hard to stop myself from criticizing her," he says with a guffaw.

Although the Remullas have dominated Cavite politics since the Marcos era in the late '70s, the broadcaster-turned-congressman is a virtual neophyte who, however, gained public notice when, at 34, he became chair of the high-profile congressional hearings on the "Garci" tapes.

So far, he has gotten good reviews for the job. "Rep. Remulla is incredibly competent. He has restored credibility to congress," goes the text message of beauty queen Sabrina Simonette Artadi to **SIM**. Businesswoman Rose Comilang commended Remulla for "his ability to control everybody, including older congressmen." Journalists, who had worked with him in the '90s when he was a reporter for Channel 2, are as amazed at his transformation. "Gilbert was not exceptional as a journalist," a former colleague at the network says. "He has improved a lot."

Serious solon: Remulla (center) in a huddle with colleagues in Congress

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Back then, another fellow journalist recalls, the young Remulla was "cocky" and could definitely use a few lessons on ethics. "We were both covering Congress," the print reporter recounts. "I was busy typing out my story on my computer when I noticed the other reporters signaling to me. That was when I looked up and noticed somebody behind me, reading over my head. It was Gilbert, and he was taking down notes from my computer screen. I glared at him, and it was only then that he moved away."

Despite the lapse, Remulla never bothered to apologize nor explain his action to the print journalist who says he decided to just ignore the incident. "He strutted around like a big shot, probably because his network was then lording it over the other stations," adds the offended reporter. "Even the other reporters described him as *malakas ang dating*. He came on too strong."

With co-host Kim Bernardo during their "Moneywise" days

Remulla, who would stay on as broadcast journalist for seven years before entering politics, himself admits to landing the job through the back door. A 1992 Broadcast Journalism graduate from the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City, he had his heart set on a career in television. His mother, he says, called up her good friend, Freddie Garcia, then the top honcho at ABS-CBN. "So I got interviewed by network vice presidents Boo Chanco and Rod Reyes who made me trainee," he reveals.

Poor little rich boy

His first job was to transcribe "a stack of tapes" on interviews about the assassination of former senator Ninoy Aquino. He buckled down to work "without even asking about the salary." In six months, he was "promoted" to all-around runner and eventually, production assistant. In December 2003, he was sent to cover a robbery-homicide involving a taxi driver. It would be the "graveyard" shift for him for a year before he was fielded to cover the daytime news.

To many at the network, Remulla was just the "poor little rich boy" who would do anything to be on television. "Some newsmen made fun of him, but he was game," a former deskman recalls. Remulla confirms this. "They sent me on errands, which I did, while driving a Mercedez Benz station wagon. I was amused, I didn't care," he laughs. Other personnel even called him the "son of a warlord." But he was so meek and boyishly charming that nobody could imagine him brandishing guns as sons of warlords are expected to.

The "warlord" referred to was of course the Remulla patriarch, former Cavite governor Juanito Remulla, now 72. The young Remulla however disputes the "warlord" tag and decries suggestions that Cavite is one of the perennial election hotspots in the country.

"There are so many places worse than Cavite," he says, enumerating such provinces. As to his patriarch's "warlord" tag, Remulla says the iron hand was necessary to clean up the province. "But did he actually wipe out villages? Did he burn down barrios like what happened in Ilocos?"

The elder Remulla was no patsy of a governer. Appointed to the post by President Marcos in 1979, Remulla soon after transformed Cavite from agricultural hicktown to industrial suburbia with farmlands converted into residential subdivisions. He would be called the architect of Cavite's industrialization although the honor would be tainted with allegations that he did so at the expense of poor Caviteños.

When Marcos was ousted in 1986, Remulla was replaced by Fernando Campos as officer-in-charge of Cavite. Unbowed, the former governor organized his Partido Magdalo and returned to power in 1988. A few days after the 1992 presidential elections, he nearly died from a stroke. In an article on Father's Day published in the INQUIRER on June 15, 2003, the youngest Remulla recalled that fateful day when his father was reduced from "indestructible" to helpless invalid.

"Here was the tough guy, that kingpin lying on a hospital bed, struggling with the effects of a stroke that had paralyzed his left side. I was dumbfounded," Remulla continued. The governor recovered, but "his political career took a nosedive," his son continued. Three years later, in 1995, the older Remulla lost his final bid for the governorship to former National Bureau of Investigation director Epimaco Velasco. The political defeat was blamed on Remulla's alleged anti-workers' policy, as he had decreed a "a no strike" policy at the Cavite Export Processing Zone. No matter, he conceded without fuss on the day after the elections. "With my head held high, I exit the stage of politics." the former governor said. Assisting him on that day in May, 1995, was his youngest son, Gilbert.

Harsh realities

Though their father was governor, the young Remullas were raised shielded from the harsh realities of politics, claims the congressman. In fact, they lived in Manila even while their father was Cavite governor. Jesus Crispin, the eldest, is nine years older than Gilbert. Between them are Troy, an opthalmologist, and John Vic, the current vice-governor of Cavite.

The Remulla boys spent their elementary years at La Salle, high school at the Ateneo and college at UP Diliman where they all joined the Upsilon fraternity. In 1999, after spending seven years at Channel 2, Remulla decided to take up his MA in International Affairs at the Columbia University in New York. He came back in 2000 hoping to resume work at his old network. "But I got bored with journalism. I have an MA, but what do I do now?" he wondered. He had also married Georgia Diaz-Roa, a pediatric dentist by profession and daughter of Ruby Diaz, one of the sisters of former Ms Universe Gloria Diaz.

At the wedding, the Remullas were easily overcrowded by the Diaz clan, such that his brothers teased Gilbert about marrying "the entire population." Later that year, then Cavite Rep. Ireneo "Ayong" Maliksi, a long-time ally of the older Remulla, said he wanted to run for governor. "I asked my dad if I could run for the seat vacated by Maliksi, and he said okay," Gilbert says.

Actually, he was also inspired by the group of then neophyte congressmen Mike Defensor, Robert Ace Barbers, Juan Miguel Zubiri and Ricky Sandoval, who were collectively known as the Spice Boys. "They were just a year older than me, so I said, maybe I can do this," Remulla recalls. But the older Remulla also warned him "it's not that easy."

John Vic, then already a vice-governor, introduced his kid brother around as a "matinee idol type" who sang and delivered speeches. In the middle of the campaign, Remulla's wife Georgia gave birth to Roxanne. "The baby has good timing. It was Holy Week," the young father laughs. Another daughter, Rocio, would be born during the campaign period last year.

Remulla won in 2001, and got reelected in 2004. It's a full-blown political career with good prospects ahead of him, but he still has qualms, he says. "My brother and I, we have come to talking about an exit strategy from politics. We know this is not forever. We don't want to grow old not knowing anything else but politics," he says.

That, veteran political observers and skeptics might say, remains to be seen.

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LOOKIN' FOR JUKKA

I REALLY admire Jukka's concern for the country's precious environment, which is literally being destroyed by savage Filipinos themselves ("It Takes a Surfer to Save This Village," **SIM**, 17 July 2005). I wish I could have more direct contact with Jukka. Perhaps we may be able to do something together despite the distance. I'm a Pinay based in France. I left the county to learn, earn and, just like him, educate others who are misled by ignorance. I'm interested to help in my own little way. I hope to be in contact with Jukka and friends.

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MIKE IS THE MAN

The article "In Defense of Himself and His President," (SIM, 17 July 2005) amused me no end. With Mike Defensor on the President's side, who cares for Franklin Drilon, who turns out, as usual, to be a CPO (Certified Political Opportunist). This early, assuming that there will be no change in our present system of government, and Mike pushes his candidacy in the 2007 elections, I can assure him of my vote.

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SECRETARY Defensor's political star is certainly ascendant and will remain so in the years to come. With his evident political savvy and lots of luck, it may not be too presumptuous to state that his major role in our country's politics will continue. He is young, but we earnestly hope that he will not imbibe the bad political habits of his elders who have led this country to its current state of affairs. We hope that he will use his talents, his leadership abilities and charisma for the national interest.

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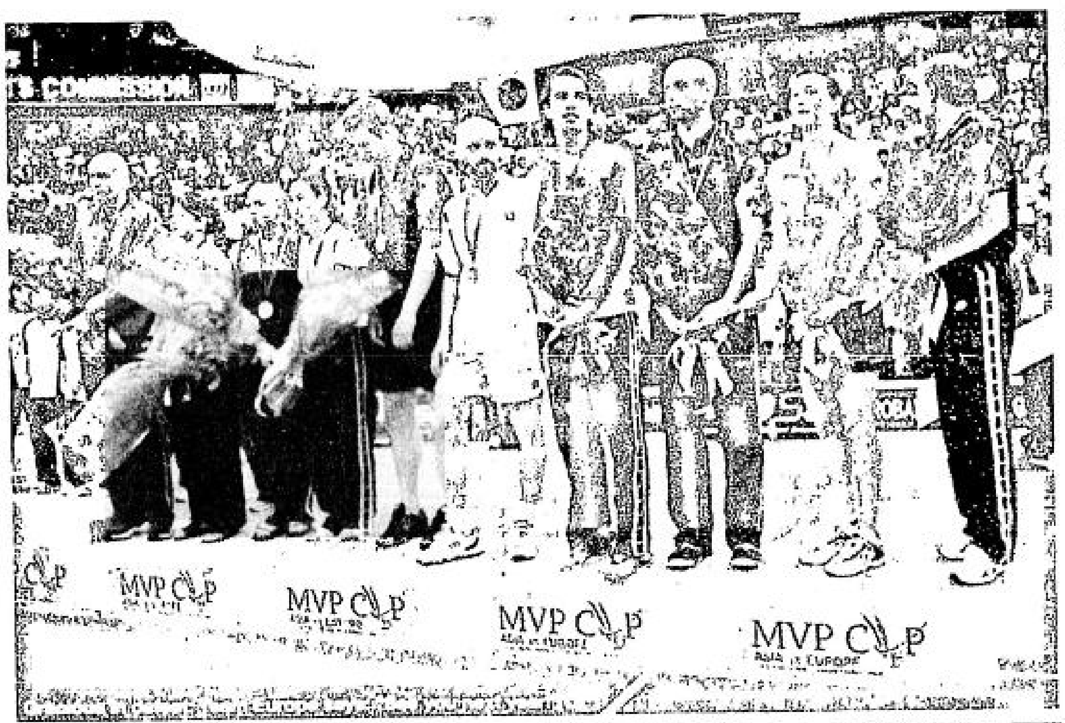

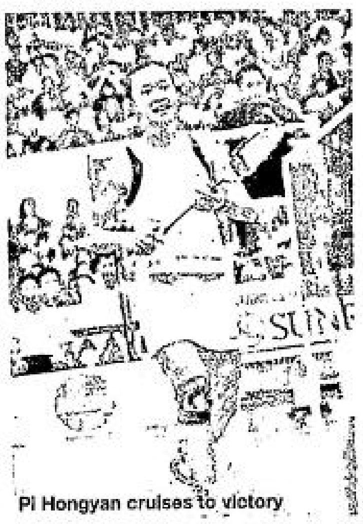

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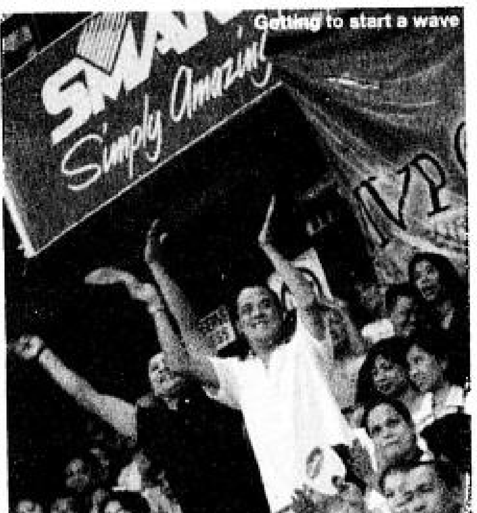
Anders Boesen congratulates Taufik Hidayat

The Asuncion pair in furious action



Getting to start a wave

Nathan Robertson pumps his fist: score 1 for Europe

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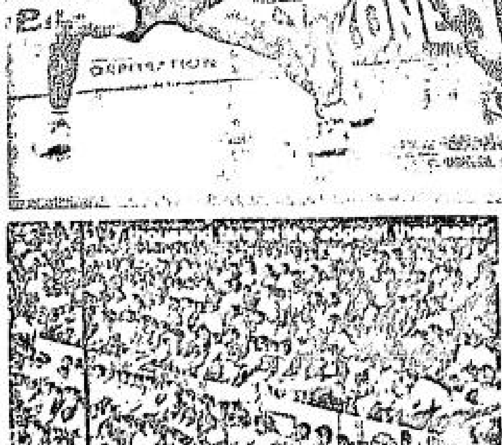

Anders Boesen savors a point against World's No. 1 Lin Dan

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The real winners, Team Philippines

Theater Tales

by Cora Llamas

Sing No Sad Son for Audie Gem

AUDIE Gemora, widely recognized as the prince of Philippine musical theater, is now a father—in more ways than once. A proud dad to a six-year-old boy, this bombastic preacher in the upcoming musical "Footloose" is a protective parent as well to an art form that needs a lot of nurturing right now if it is to survive: musical theater.

The exodus of many lead actors and supporting performers of the local stage for Hong Kong's Disneyland has left a huge gap as far as mentoring is concerned, says Gemora.

"Noel Rayos, Roy Rolloda, Ralion Alonso, a lot of the secondary leads and strong supports are no longer here," he points out. "We are losing actors who can teach in our Playshop." But the Disneyland exodus, Gemora contends, only put at the forefront a problem that has been festering for years.

Sole focus

"Do you ever wonder why in this generation, there are very few local actors in musical theater who can act, sing, and dance?" he asks. "That's because for the performers now, theater is just one of their many options. They can do TV shows or commercials and become performers in events launching new products. Gone are the days when actors focused solely on theater." Gemora alludes to the early years when he and colleagues Menchu Lauchengco, Bart Guingona, Michael Williams and Jaime del Mundo, among others, trained under their late mentor, Repertory founder Zeneida Amador. "We were totally immersed: we'd go to Broadway, watch the Tony awards, and come back. That's all we did. *Wala pang* VJ *at telebisyon.* Now every kid who wants to be an entertainer can join a talent center or any network. We didn't have that option."

That's why he still persists in the uphill battle of producing if only to keep the legacy alive, he says. "You can count on one hand those who consider musical theater an art form in the Philippines," Gemora emphasizes. "If we don't propagate it, it will vanish."

His passionate stance easily recalls his never-give-an-inch commitment to both theater and his Christian faith some 10 years earlier. Then the fire in Gemora's eyes had blazed with triumph during the opening nights of Trumpets' first mega-musicals, or flashed with anger when he denounced what he believed to be the unjust encroachment of "Miss Saigon" Manila's marketing soldiers on the small turf of Philippine theater.

Such conflicts and spiritual musing have given him enough insights to play the preacher character in "Footloose" as far from the stereotyped fire-and-brimstone approach. "All men of God are multi-dimensional; most of the time, they are right; some of the time, they are not," he notes. "You resist the temptation to play the character as one-dimensional and try to find the human side: 'Why is he so protective of the community? How does he handle a rebellious non-virgin daughter (played by Iya Villania in the musical) who's the total opposite of what he's preaching?'"

That Gemora plays the John Lithgow character in the 1985 movie on which the musical was based carries a certain irony. Lithgow's preacher was a conflicted pastor who wanted only the best for his flock but saw issues only in black and white to the point of being extremely, suffocatingly rigid.

But Gemora says he identifies more with the character of Ren (played by Kevin Bacon in the movie and Jay-R in the musical), the teenage kid who fought to reintroduce dancing in the very laid-back town.

"God made me an artist, I was made to express and reflect life," he says. "I feel like Ren, coming into, and trying to establish, Christian entertainment and dealing with churches that are by and large very boxed in."

In 1988, Gemora and fellow theater artists and siblings in the faith Enchang and Mari Kaimo, Luna Inocian, and Freddie Santos, put together "First Name," a musical that fused entertainment with a Christian message. The reaction was divided: While some pastors congratulated the group for touching the hearts of people who would not ordinarily enter a church, not a few Christians were alarmed at the kinetic pop dancing shown onstage.

Although Trumpets' moving force has learned to let go of the many actors who have left these shores for Disneyland Hong Kong, he's still hoping that the next generation would stay and keep musical theater alive

Rave and rants

The rave reviews and rants continued throughout the establishment of Trumpets, an avowed Christian theater company that delivers the gospel through dramatic arts. While the obviously Biblical-sounding "Joseph the Dreamer" got applause and approval, Trumpets' taking in non-born-again Christian performers for "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" raised alarm bells among other believers. The half-fish, half-woman character in "The Little Mermaid" was called "demonic." "Honk!," the modern version of the family-oriented ugly duckling fairy tale, was criticized simply because it was not based on Scripture.

Gemora confesses that the struggle remains. "Every time we tap into fairy tales, we have Christians raising their eyebrows at us. You'd be surprised at the kind of myopia in the church that we have to deal with constantly. At the same time, you s
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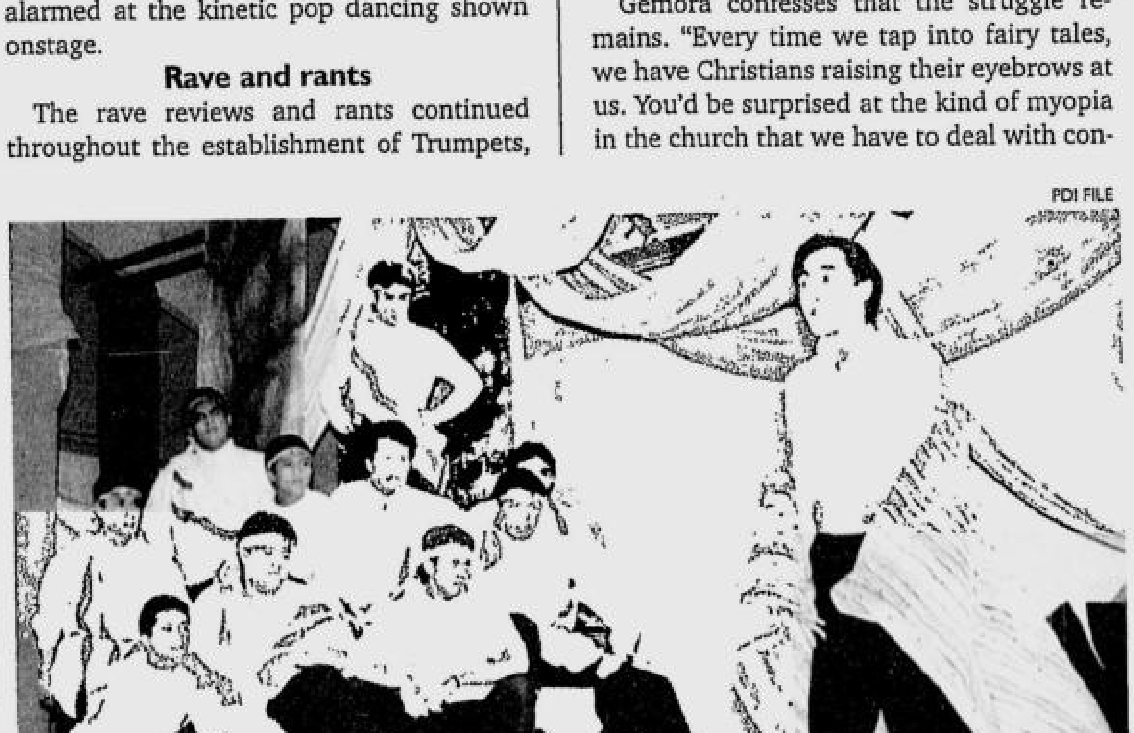

Dreaming on: Gemora (right) in a scene from "Joseph The Dreamer," circa 1989

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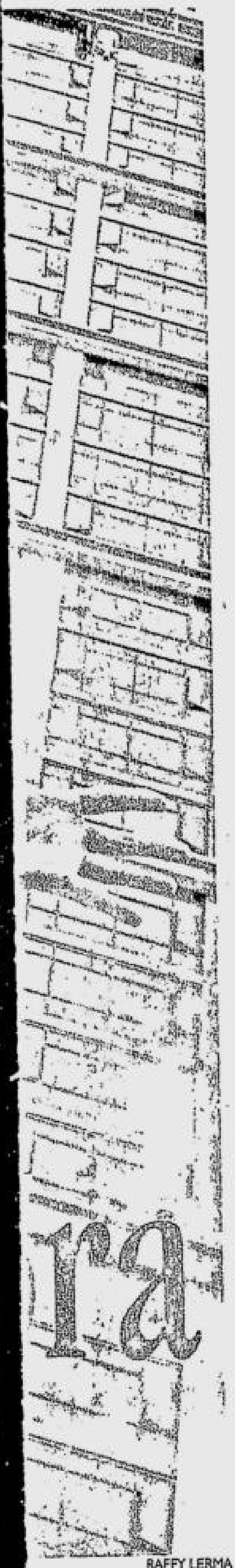

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Pinoy Connection

by Eric S. Caruncho

Her Teachers Included Teilhard de Chardin, Margaret Mead, Eleanor Roosevelt—and LSD

UN consultant and psychologist Jean Houston learned about life from the masters, and a little help from mind-altering drugs. But years of research on human capacity potential convinced her that progress lies in looking to the arts and using one's inner creativity

JEAN Houston tells a great story.

"When I was 14, my parents were splitting up and I was very depressed, and I heard that you could run away from your problems. So I began running down the street on the way to school.

"I ran into an old man and knocked the wind out of him, and he said to me in a French accent, laughing as I picked him up, 'Are you planning to run like zat for ze rest of your life?' and I said 'Yes, sir, looks that way.' And he said, 'Bon voyage!'

"The following week as I was walking my fox terrier, I saw the old man again, and he said 'Ah! My friend ze runnair!' And we began to take these remarkable walks together. He was really something. He had no self-consciousness at all. He would suddenly fall to the ground and say, 'Look! A caterpillar! What does a caterpillar become? Moving, changing, transforming? Metamorphosis!'

"He asked me to call him by his first name, which sounded like 'Tayer,' so I called him 'Mr. Tayer.. Here I was, a 14-year-old girl, maybe six feet tall with red dots on my face, and he just drew these ideas out of me! 'Jean! Sniff ze air! Ze same air sniffed by Jesus Christ, Alexandre le Grande, Marie Antoinette!'

"We walked on and off for about a year, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and I remember him saying: 'Jean, ze people of your time will be taking ze tiller of the world, but you cannot go *directement*. You have to touch upon every culture, every people, and when you do it will be a great noosphere—a great field of mind and we will all be related!'

Great epiphany

"The last time I saw him, he looked very pale and my dog was very worried and put his paws on his knees. He kept talking about spirals, the floor of Chartres Cathedral, and about how evolution was a great spiral of becoming, drawn by the lure of becoming, the great attractor which he called the Universe of Christ. And he went on and on in this great epiphany of seeing the spiral of life in everything.

"Finally, he said 'Au revoir, Jean' and I said 'Au revoir, Mr. Tayer, see you next Tuesday'. But he wasn't there next Tuesday, or the following Thursday. Eight weeks I waited but he never showed up.

"Later I learned he had died that Easter Sunday, and I never knew it. Many years later, a book came out called 'The Phenomenon of Man,' and it sounded very familiar: evolution, becoming, noosphere. Finally I saw the cover and there he was. 'Mr. Tayer' was Teilhard de Chardin, who lived across the street from me in New York City."

Was it a case of "When the student is ready, the teacher will appear"? I ask Houston.

"I don't know how ready I was, I was 14 years old!" she replies.

But the encounter certainly left an indelible imprint, and in many ways Houston's life work certainly touches on many of the same concerns as "Mr. Tayer's," as well as those of other "teachers" she's encountered in her life, among them US First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, the anthropologist Margaret Mead, writer Aldous Huxley and mythologist Joseph Campbell.

As her official website describes it:

"Dr. Jean Houston is a scholar and researcher in human capacities, and for the past 30 years codirector, with her husband Dr. Robert Masters, of the Foundation for Mind Research, first in New York City and now in Pomona, New York. Their work has focused on the understanding of latent human abilities. She is the founder of the Mystery School—a program of cross-cultural mythic and spiritual studies—dedicated to teaching history, philosophy, the new physics, psychology, anthropology, myth, and the many dimensions of our human potential."

In the last couple of years, Houston has also been a consultant for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), applying what she calls "social artistry" to the organization's global development programs.

What exactly is "social artistry?"

"I think it was Einstein who said: the consciousness that created the problem can't be the same consciousness that solves it," says Houston. "We've found that real development is from the inside out."

In a nutshell, social artistry seeks to bring qualities usually associated with art—creativity, intuitiveness, passion—to social, economic and political transformation. "It's bringing that human dimension—that profound creative, intuitive dimension—to complement the technical, rational dimension of development work," says Robertson Work, of UNDP's Bureau of Development Policy based in New York. "UNDP's traditional approach has been to provide technical assistance to countries. We help develop policies and strategies in the various fields of poverty eradication, gender equality, democratic governance, HIV/AIDS mitigation and environmental improvement. But development isn't just a bureaucratic, technocratic enterprise. It also has to be an encounter between people, listening to each other, honoring each other."

Houston's ideas, he adds, have been met with great enthusiasm in Albania, the Caribbean, Kenya, Tanzania and now the Philippines, where she has just finished giving two seminars on "Applying Social Artistry to Decentralized Governance for Human Development" to the UNDP staff.

If it all sounds just a little bit utopian, well, it is.

In 1962, Aldous Huxley published his last novel, "Island." In contrast to his earlier work "Brave New World," which posited a soulless, authoritarian future, in "Island" Huxley created a socially-enlightened island kingdom called Pala. The inhabitants of Pala took a mind-expanding drug called Soma and practiced Tantric sex (which made "Island" required reading in the '60s counterculture).

Cycles of life

But they also practiced a way of life that allowed each individual to grow in wisdom as they grew in years, and they pursued a sustainable economy that respected the natural environment, and the cycles of life.

Condemned as backward and degenerate by its neighbor, the industrialized, autocratic state Rendang, Pala's utopian society was destroyed in the name of progress.

As it turned out, Houston met Huxley shortly after "Island" was published, and had berated him for his pessimistic ending. In a way, "social artistry" as applied to development could be her way of rewriting the ending.

Jean Houston is a descendant of Sam Houston, one of the founders of Texas, but she grew up "everywhere." Her father Jack Houston was a scriptwriter, writing among other things "The Bob Hope Show," and the family lived a nomadic existence during Houston's early years.

"I went to 20 schools," she recalls. "If you go to school in southern Mississippi one day and northern Minnesota the next, you were in totally different realities. I became very interested in how different cultures activate different sensibilities, different ways of seeing things."

Her peripatetic education also allowed her to see, firsthand, the deadening effects of conventional teaching methods on previously vibrant, lively, intellectually-curious children.

When she was in her teens, Houston's family settled in New York City, and as president of her high school, she was invited, along with other high school presidents, to regular audiences with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, where she discussed international affairs and the emerging United Nations.

Not conventional

Houston attended Barnard College, where she earned her B.A. and later finished her doctorate in Psychology from the Union Graduate School, but interests are not easily contained in conventional categories.

She was a protégé of the noted anthropologist Margaret Mead, and worked with mythologist Joseph Campbell.

Together with her husband Robert Masters, Houston was also a pioneer in researching altered states of consciousness. The couple's 1966 book "The Varieties of Psychedelic Experience" was one of the earliest works on the effects of LSD and other hallucinogens (and also required reading in the '60s counterculture). In fact, Huxley got his supply of LSD from the couple—the drug was still legal at the time.

But Houston eventually abandoned psychedelics as a dead end, in favor of the convergence of philosophies and disciplines that used to be called, in the '70s, the "human potential" movement.

She and her husband subsequently published another book, "Mind Games," which detailed how to expand human consciousness without drugs. The book, ~~also required~~ reading in the '70s counterculture, later inspired John Lennon to write his song of the same title.

Now Houston prefers to call her field "human capacity development," and "social artistry" is one of its manifestations. "We are at that stage where the real work of humanity begins," she writes in a paper for the 5th Global Forum on Reinventing Government. "This is the time and place where we partner Creation in the recreation of ourselves, in the restoration of the biosphere, and in assuming a new kind of culture—what we might term a culture of kindness, where we live daily life in such a way as to be reconnected, charged and intelligenced by the source of our reality in ways which liberate our inventiveness, and invite deep and realistic engagement in our world and in our tasks."

Can this approach work in the Philippines? Maybe if we stopped making noise and looked inward, Houston says, we might find some answers.

JOSEPH AGCAOILI

UNDP consultant Jean Houston: "I came to the Philippines to teach Social Artistry and found a nation of social artists."

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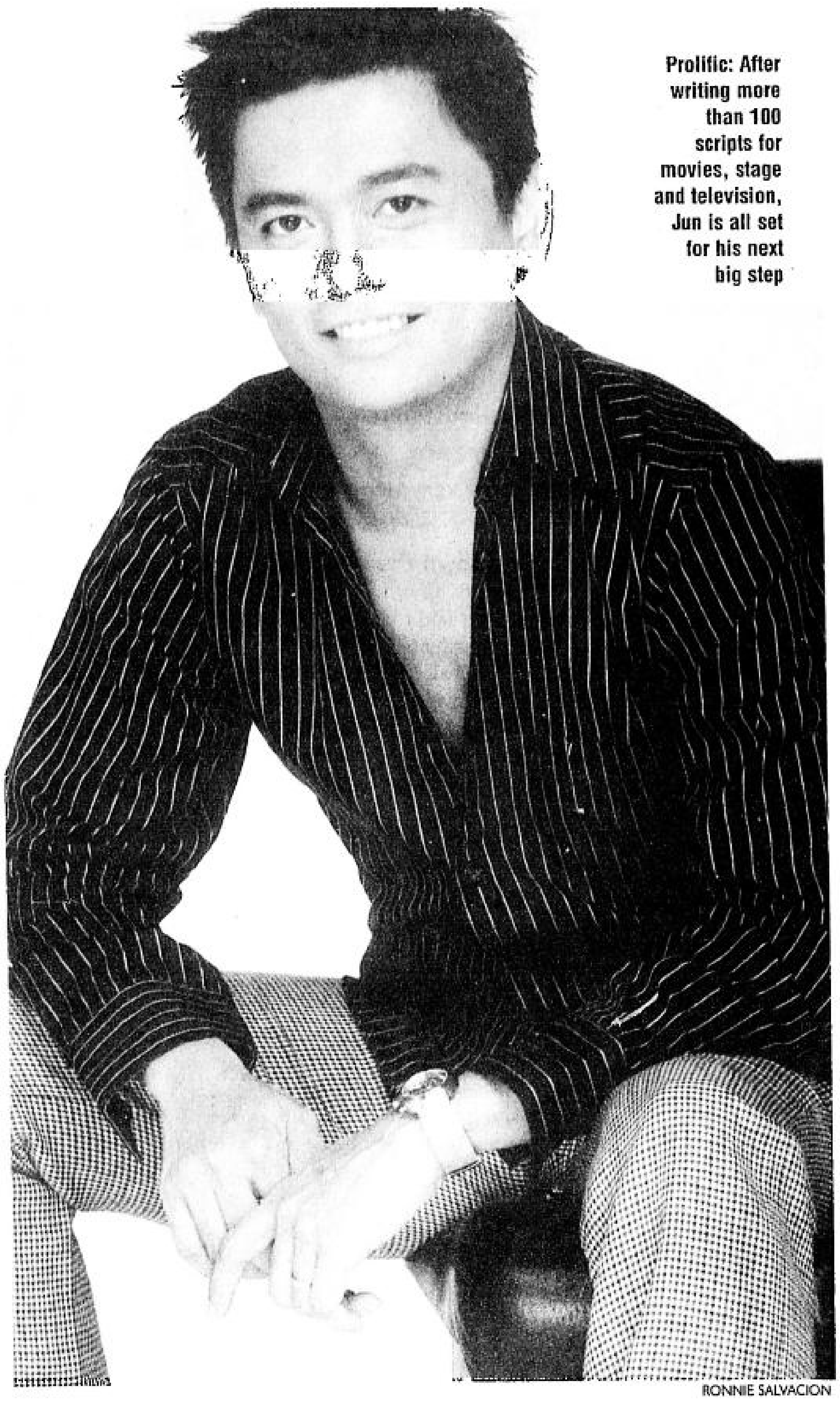
The Writer's Life

by Blaise C. Gacoscos

The Storyteller Takes A Chance


Prolific: After writing more than 100 scripts for movies, stage and television, Jun is all set for his next big step

RONNIE SALVACION

IN FIRST grade, Rodolfo Robles "Jun" Lana Jr. once had a *yaya* following him around to pick up crumpled sheets of papers that he had thrown all over the floor. The pieces of paper had his drawings of people with matching dialogues. "*Parang sa komiks*," (Just like comics) says his mother Ofelia Lana.

His talent for spinning tales has produced award-winning plays and screenplays. Now, after fulfilling his responsibilities as a good son, Jun Lana is free to pursue his passion for filmmaking

In Grade Five, Jun and his classmates were assigned to read "The Legend of Mount Mayon." Jun didn't only read the story, he wrote a drama complete with characters, lines and scenes based on the short story.

In fourth year high school, Jun and his classmates were divided into 10 groups, and each group was required to stage a play. His teacher never found out, but it was Jun who wrote all 10 scripts.

"I enjoy writing plays so much. It comes so easy for me," says 32-year-old Jun. "I can't imagine myself not writing."

Jun's early influences as a playwright were the works of Anton Chekhov, Tennessee Williams and Henrik Ibsen, which he read in high school. But his biggest influence was Filipino playwright Rene Villanueva, whom he met when he was a freshman at the University of Sto. Tomas in 1988. Under Rene's guidance, Jun learned to make the most boring stories interesting, to beat deadlines and to be a generous teacher.

What's his philosophy as a playwright? "Rene once told me that a play is about how you create an illusion and convince your audience that it's real. It's not important that it happened in your life. What's important is you make your readers believe that it is your own true experience. I invented all my stories." Jun later became a member of Villanueva's TELON Playwrights Circle.

In his sophomore year, Artistang Artlets, the drama guild of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, decided to put up Jun's musical "Iway," about a prostitute in Ermita.

Devastating experience

During one rehearsal, their adviser saw her female students gyrating on stage trying to recreate the once thriving red-light district of Manila. She immediately asked for a copy of the script, and in a meeting a few days later, told Jun, "I hate to dampen your spirits, Jun, but we will not allow this kind of play to be shown in UST. It's too mature and liberated."

"I was so devastated, *sobra*," Jun says. "I was so bitter and angry at the system at UST that I rebelled. This experience had a big influence in my coming plays."

In his junior year, he submitted "*Eksodo*" as his entry to USTETIKA, UST's award-giving body for literature. The one-act play, about the violent militarization in Mindanao, won first prize in the drama category and eventually the Rector's Literary Award in 1991. That same year, "*Eksodo*" won Jun his first Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Award. He was only 18.

After finishing Communication Arts in 1992, Jun worked in Makati as a copywriter/account executive of an advertising agency, only to quit less than a month later. The owners of the ad agency, who happened to be brothers and sisters, had a major fight over the way the presentation was made to their client. The fight became violent when they started throwing ashtrays at each other. Jun, who was standing in the middle of the crossfire, had to crouch under his table to avoid being hit.

Jun freelanced for two years in the advertising industry until 1994, when he left it for good. "I found it challenging to sell a product in 30 seconds. The problem is, I want to tell a story, and advertising is not about storytelling.

"It was a difficult decision," he recalls, because Jun became his family's breadwinner after his father Rodolfo, a chemical engineer, left them for another family. His mother Ofelia, a homemaker, had no job to support her two sons.

Upon Villanueva's recommendation, Jun worked as writer and producer in the children's show "Batibot," but his basic salary was hardly enough to put food on the table and send his brother Ian to college.

He applied as a scriptwriter at Viva Films and finished 10 story lines every night for almost one year, but not one story line got the approval of Viva Film's big boss Vic del Rosario. He wrote plays for the Philippine Educational Theater Association to earn extra income, but it was a paltry sum, besides which, he says, "At that time, it seemed like theater was dying."

Resident writer

In the mid-1990s, Imee Marcos, daughter of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos and now Ilocos Norte representative, returned to the Philippines after the Marcoses' exile in Hawaii. She was looking for young writers and directors for her own production company, Renegade Filmmakers. Jun became one of the resident writers, writing mostly commercial *telesines* for GMA.

"I started getting good pay," he says. For every script submitted, Jun got P20,000 to P25,000 gross. But what remained constant throughout these years, he says, was that he always joined the Palanca awards. In 1995, his screenplay "*Kariño Brutal*" won first prize. The following year, he again placed first for his screenplay "*Mga Bangka sa Tag-araw*," which later became "*Sa Pusod ng Dagat*."

"This opened many opportunities for me," he says of the movie about the first male midwife of a small village. "I got noticed."

Indeed. In 1998, Jun took home the best screenplay award for "Sa Pusod ng Dagat" at the Brussels International Film Festival. The year after that, the same script won best screenplay at the Star Awards for Movies. He co-wrote "José Rizal," on the life and times of our national hero, shown that same year. Then nothing was heard of him for the longest time.

Since the local movie industry seemed to be in the throes of death, Jun's survival instinct told him to look for work elsewhere—television. He first became a segment producer for ABS-CBN's news and public affairs show "*Compañero y Compañera*." He also worked as episode writer for the drama anthology "*Maalaala Mo Kaya*" for almost a year before he finally decided to work in GMA-7 as head writer of the crime series "*Kasangga*."

Today, Jun is the creative consultant and director of the horror show "'*Wag Kukurap*" He is both the creative consultant and head writer of "*Magpakailanman*," producing top-rated episodes like "The Amalia Fuentes Story," "The Rochelle Pangilinan Story" and "The Ethel Booba Story." He is also the creative consultant of the fantasy-adventure series "Encantadia."

No regrets

Despite the heavy workload and huge responsibility, Jun has no regrets slaving on TV, admitting that he did so for the money. "For eight years, I was able to save enough. I was able to fulfill my responsibilities to my family."

In 1994, a proud Jun saw his brother Ian, 31, graduate from college. And last June, he bought a 90-square meter lot in Bulacan for his mother Ofelia, now 54. While construction of the Bulacan house is in progress, Ofelia, together with her dogs, stays in a Quezon City apartment being rented by Jun. His father took up residence in Hawaii with his second family long ago.

"He gave us everything we need," says Ofelia of Jun, her voice shaking. "When he was only 3 years old, he told me that I shouldn't worry about our life because he'll work hard so I can have everything I want. I can't believe that this is happening now."

Says Jun, "Now that everything is settled, I can focus on what I want to do for myself."

And that is? "I want to direct movies."

This is welcome news to his mentors and supporters. "I'm very proud of him, it's long overdue but it's never too late," says "*Sa Pusod ng Dagat*" director Marilou Diaz-Abaya.

"He's a brilliant writer," says Maryo J. de los Reyes, who megged Jun's "Bedtime Stories." "If he can direct as well as he writes, he'll be a very important director to look forward to."

Regal Films' matriarch Lily Monteverde, who sent Jun to Australia to study filmmaking, is confident: "He can do it. He's very creative, honest, hardworking." Jun is all set to direct his debut film "*Gwa Ay Di*," Chinese for "I Love You," starring Dingdong Dantes, Karylle and Zsa Zsa Padilla, this month.

But why venture into the movies when show biz pundits believe it's a sinking ship? Jun Lana is determined. "I'm going to pursue filmmaking because that's where my passion is. There are so many budding directors now who, I think, can do a lot for the industry. I want to be one of them." Q

Direk-to-be: Jun (foreground) on the set of "'Wag Kukurap" with Jay Zamora, Manilyn Reynes, assistant director Mhay Herrera and art director Melvin Lacerna

This Week

Art

Art ConneXions: Sydney-Manila-Kuala Lumpur, a photomedia exhibit, opens on July 28, 6 p.m. at the Art Pavilion, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air II Makati. On view are the works of Yee I-Lann (Malaysia), Albrecht Fuchs (Germany), Shaun Gladwell (Australia), Martin Fengel (Germany), Nicola Meizner (Germany) and Jay Yao (Canada/Philippines) as they explore movement, migration and the mixing of cultures-themes that have been a major part of the people in Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand long before "globalization" became the buzz word that it is today. Exhibit runs until Aug. 8. For details, call 722-4671 to 73.

"*Duyan*," one of the photos by Niccolo Cosme on exhibit in Kawit, Cavite

Likhang Sikat, a group exhibit in various media by members of the Sining, Kulay at Tinta group of artists at the Food & Art Galerie, 12/F, GT Tower, Ayala Avenue cor. H.V dela Costa St., Makati City until July 30.

Onib Olmedo: A Tribute gathers 16 Filipino visual artists whose lives and art making were inspired or encouraged by the late artist. Participating artists are Mark Justiniani, Marcel Antonio, Emmanuel Garibay, Jason Moss, Yasmin Almonte, Federico Sievert, Lydia Velasco, Vincent Paul Padilla, Jerson Samson, Elmer Roslin, Riel Hilario, Carlo Angelo Saavedra, Gino Tioseco, Bayani Ray Alcala, Vincent De Pio and Sandra Fabie-Gfeller. Exhibit runs from July 26 to Aug. 9 at Galerie Joaquin, 2/F, 371 P. Guevarra St., Montessori Lane, Addition Hills, San Juan, Metro Manila.

Celebrate the return of Cucina Simpatica at the New World Renaissance Hotel's Bocarinos Restaurant

Grave Findings: A Reclamation Project, an exhibit that takes another look at the items found at important archaeological sites in Calatagan, Batangas from the collection of the Lopez Memorial Museum, Benpres Building, Exchange Road corner Meralco Avenue, Pasig City until Aug. 11. For details, call 631-2417.

Passionate Eyes features over 200 artworks by Federico Aguilar Alcuaz selected from the collection of two of the artist's most passionate collectors: Benjamin Gayubar of Barcelona, Spain, and Eddie and Norma Chua of Quezon City. The first set will be exhibited until Aug. 8; second set will be from Aug. 9 to Sept. 5, and the third set will be on view from Sept. 6 to Oct. 2 at the Ayala Museum, Makati Avenue corner Dela Rosa Streets, Makati City. For details, call 757-7117 to 21.

Doit, a group exhibit by Lyle Buencamino, Patrick de Veyra, Winner Jumalon, Carl Loquias, Mervin Malonzo, Jaco Payawal, Hanna Pettyjohn and Ian Quiranta extrapolating on the idea of drawing, at the Mag:net Gallery, 335 Agcor Building, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, QC until Aug. 12.

Serene Light, a tribute exhibition to photographer and Zen Buddhist Monk Butch Baluyut at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Bulwagang Juan Luna until Aug. 14. The retrospective exhibition will feature Baluyut's black and white photographs taken from the late '70s up to his untimely demise in 2003. For details, call 832-3702.

Double Life, an exhibit of mixed media paintings by Pep Manalang at Finale Art File, LaO Centre, Pasay Road corner Makati Avenue, Makati City until July 29. For details, call 813-2310.

Tableaux/Photos, a solo exhibit by Ivi Avellana-Cosio at Le Soufflé Rockwell, Amorsolo Square, Amorsolo, Drive, Rockwell Center, Makati City until Aug. 9.

Zsa Zsa Padilla and Kuh Ledesma join forces in "Diva 2 Diva"

Music

Kuh Ledesma and Zsa Zsa Padilla will once again do their back-to-back concert, Diva 2 Diva at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on Aug. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Billed as **Diva 2 Diva: Up Close**, the show will run as part of Kuh's year-long 25th anniversary celebration. For inquiries, call 721-0635 or 551-7255.

Fresh from a month-long gig in China, acoustic singer **Dawn Bande** is back with **nightly gigs** this month at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Adriatico St., Manila on Mondays at 8 p.m.; Merk's Bar Bistro in Greenbelt 3 on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.; Quisine (former Dreambar) at 6750 Ayala Ave. on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.; Inihaw Republic on Katipunan Ave. on Thursdays at 9 p.m.; the Monet Bar of the Holiday Inn Hotel in Galeria, Ortigas Center on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and at Bonfire Grille at the Marikina Riverbanks Arcade on Sundays at 8 p.m.

Grand Homecoming Concert. Tenor Otoniel Gonzaga, the first and the last Filipino tenor to sing Verdi's Otello, in a special song recital Tuesday, July 26, 8 p.m. Philamlife Theater with pianist Mary Anne Espina and guest artists baritone Noel Azcona and soprano Joan Cano. For tickets, call tel. 901-7156 or 0910-8851136.

Onstage

Dulaang UP presents **St. Louis Loves Dem Filipinos... The Musical** for its 30th Theater Season until July 31 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theater, Palma Hall, UP Diliman. It is the retelling of the experience of the first tribal Filipino groups sent to the United States in 1904. Bulan, a Bagobo warrior and other members of Filipino ethnic tribes were sent to St. Louis, Missouri as part of the Philippines Reservation Exhibit in the World Trade Exposition of that year. Weekday shows are at 7 p.m. while weekend shows are at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. For inquiries, call 926-1349 and 920-5301 loc. 6441.

Actor's Actors Inc.'s brings back the well-loved Broadway musical **Once On This Island** to the RCBC Theater in Makati City on Aug. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 with 8 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. shows on Saturday and Sunday. For tickets, call Ticketworld at 891-9999.

Tanghalang Pilipino opens its 19th season with a very modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's immortal love story, loosely based on National Artist Rolando Tinio's Filipino translation—**R'meo Luvs Dew-Ihiett**. Set in the slums of Manila (Barangay Verona) where the "*jologs*" culture thrives, the production takes a fresh look on this romance with the star-crossed lovers and their warring households dressed up in kitschy denim couture, uttering sonnets peppered with brazen street jargon and cryptic swardspeak. Showdates: Aug. 5, 6, 19, 20, 26, 27, at 8 p.m.; Aug. 6, 7, 20, 21, 27, 28, at 3 p.m. at Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino; Sept. 9, 10, 16, 17, at 8 p.m.; Sept. 10, 11, 17, 18, at 3 p.m. at Tanghalang Huseng Batute. For tickets, reservations and special performances, call 832-3661 or 832-1125 locals 1620/1621.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation opens it's 28th season with the staging of **Florante at Laura**, Francisco Balagtas' classic tale about the warring Christians of Albanya and Moors of Persia, and the love stories of Principe Florante, Princesa Laura, Flerida and Aladdin. Performances are on July 24, 6 p.m. (Concert at the Park Auditorium, Luneta); July 27 (Assumpta Theater, Assumption College, Antipolo); July 29-31 (AFP Theater, QC); Aug. 5-7 (St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College, Manila); Aug. 11 (Angelo King Performing Arts Center, De La Salle Santiago-Zobel, Muntinlupa City), and Aug. 13 (RFC Cinema Theater, Las Piñas City). For inquiries, call 899-5745 or 896-3503.

Dadi Janki, dubbed by American scientists as the "World's Most Stable Mind" visits Manila this month to support Higher Ground Productions' **Don't Think**, a dance concert that interprets her forthcoming book, "Restoring Spiritual Greatness." To be held on July 28, 7:30 p.m. at Onstage, "Don't Think" is a one-woman show performed by Marge Enriquez about absorption into a persona. The audience's experience becomes an opportunity to involve themselves with the performer's challenges, transformation and states of mind. The powerhouse team behind the production consists of director Bart Guingona, choreographer Douglas Nierras, video director Oddie Espiritu, musical director Agnes Manalo, lighting designer Jay Aranda, sculptor Impy Pilalpil, artist Tony Gonzales, fashion designer Inno Sotto, makeup artist Patrick Rosas, photographer Wig Tysmans and graphic designer Jo Chua. For details, call 890-7960 or 922-9231.

Actor's Actors Inc.'s "Once on This Island" returns to the RCBC Theater in August

Food

Prawns Temptation is Manila Pavilion's rainy season treat for seafood lovers and adventuresome gourmets. For appetizers, it has the Prawns Twister and Bloody Mary Prawn Cocktail; for soup, the Mushroom and Prawn Bisque, and for the main courses, the Prawns Thermidore, "A Day In Provence" Prawns, and the Prawns Paella. Available from July 25-30 at the Rotisserie for lunch and dinner. For reservations, call 526-1212 ext. 2505.

"Taal 1," oil on canvas by Federico Aguilar Alcuaz, on exhibit at Ayala Museum

The New World Renaissance Hotel's Bocarinos restaurant brings back **Cucina Simpatica**, Comfort Food, Italian Style starting this month. Cucina Simpatica offers a selection of delectable dishes such as steaming hearty soups, fresh salads, rich and creamy sauces over pasta and rice, and superb veal, shrimp and chicken all made with the simplicity of delicious home cooking. For reservations, call 811-6888.

Thien Duong Vietnamese Restaurant of **Dusit Hotel Nikko** brings back the **Executive Express set menus** this month consisting of salad, soup, main dish and dessert. For details, call 867-3333.

Una Mas Greenbelt and Greenhills are calling kids 4 feet and below who have an appetite for great food, to visit the restaurants and get their fill of the delicious buffet spread, absolutely free on Saturdays and Sundays until July 31 for a maximum of 3 children per table. Offering wondrous treats like fun croquettes, twirly pastas, colorful paellas, prime juicy striploin and favorite desserts like Banana Flan, Mexican Gateau and even fresh fruits. For inquiries, call 723-0012 (Greenhills) and 757-3357 (Greenbelt).

Celebrate **A Star Spangled Affair at Café Berrio of Discovery Suites** for an all-American food festival. Savor the smooth and velvety aroma of roasted cinnamon in the New Hampshire Pumpkin Soup, the freshness of organic greens in the Harvest Salad, the bursting flavors of California Seafood Cioppino, Southern BBQ Baby Back Ribs or the rich texture of New York Steak. For details, call 635-2222.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

The SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules

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The **Center for Asian Culinary Studies** offers the following **cooking and baking lessons**: Create a home-based business with Special Bars on July 26 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.); Holiday Brownies, July 27, 1-4 p.m.; Basic baking with a Twist, July 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Easy Pasta Sauces, July 25, 1-4 p.m.; Spanish Tapas, July 28, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Center for Asian Culinary Studies is located at 455 P. Guevarra St., San Juan, Metro Manila with tel. 725-5089 and 726-9326.

Communication techniques on how best to deal with, and avoid adverse situations that bear on corporate image and public relations will be shared by various public relations and communications experts in a **seminar on Public Relations Crisis Management and Communication**. Organized by the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication, the seminar will be held on July 26-27 at the AIJC Headquarters, Room 802, Annapolis Wilshire Plaza Bldg, 11 Annapolis St., Greenhills, San Juan. Details can be secured from AIJC Training Staff, at tel. nos. 727-6799, 725-4227 and 725-4228.

Starting Your Own Preschool Child Care Services (Business Orientation) seminar to be held on July 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ACCM Building, 102 Valero St., Salcedo Village, Makati City. For reservations and inquiries, call 829-5711.

Communication Foundation for Asia is holding a livelihood **seminar on How to Start and Operate Your Own Business** on July 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4427 Interior Old Sta. Mesa, Manila. Participants will be trained on practical skills needed in putting up and starting business. For inquiries, call Grace at 713-2732 and 714-7233.

Spirituality Forum V, with the theme: "Spirituality & Interfaith Dialogue" will be held at Horan Hall, Mount Carmel Shrine Parish, Broadway, New Manila, Quezon City on Aug. 1-3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers from Australia, India, Indonesia, The Netherlands, Rome, and the Philippines, will tackle Indigenous Spirituality in dialogue with Christianity, Buddhist Spirituality, Islamic Spirituality, Hindu Spirituality and Emerging Spiritualities. Registration fee is P350/person/day inclusive of snacks, lunch, and kit materials. Call the Forum Secretariat at 727-9772, fax 725-8167 or email: spirit@tri-isys.com.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation stages "Florante at Laura"

The **World Food Expo 2005**, the 5th International Exposition on Worldwide Food & Beverages will open from Aug. 3 to 6 at the World Trade Center in Manila. Exhibit booths will feature the best food and beverage supplies and products from all over the world. Culinary and beverage competitions with professionals are featured back-to-back with workshops and seminars conducted by who's who in the food and beverage industry. For details, call 929-7993 or 63, 436-4209 and 920-8136.

To help you understand more about quaint everyday expressions in the UK and learn about living and studying in Britain, the British Council will present a pre-departure briefing program called **Welcome to the UK**. The one-day briefing seminar will be held from July 25-27 and Aug. 1-4 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the British Council Philippines' Knowledge Learning Center, 10/F Taipan Place, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. First-time visitors are encouraged to sign up for the July 27 or Aug. 3 or 4 seminars. A specialized seminar for students will be on July 25, 26 and Aug. 1 and 2. Registration fee is P300. For reservations, call 914-1011 to 14.

Sinag Arts Foundation brings back the **Media and the Arts Workshop**. The workshop includes an introduction to print media, a definition of goals and purposes as well as target audiences/readerships. To be held on Aug. 13 and 20 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., the workshop will be facilitated by Doreen Yu at the Sinag Arts Foundation, 664 San Ignacio St. Brgy. Plainview, Mandaluyong City. Workshop fee is P800 for two sessions. For inquiries, call 531-3491 or 531-9524 (telefax).

Hip Dance Studio offers **gymnastics classes for kids and teens** at No.19 Dao St. cor. Tindalo, Bgy. Quirino 3A, Proj. 3, QC. Fee is P1,500 for 6 sessions (1 ½ hr. each). For inquiries, call or text coach John at tel.413-8450 / (0921) 5392143.

To promote the country's tourism industry, the Philippine Travel Mart in coordination with the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation launches **My Best Travel Photo**, a photo contest open to all professional and amateur photographers. Photo subjects are arts and crafts market, agri and manufacturing facilities, beaches, waterfalls, mountains, rivers, flora and fauna, dive spots, heritage sites, people-native attire, lifestyle, ethnic communities, national parks, rainforests, religious sites, pilgrimage sites and sports activites. Participants can use film or digital camera. Entries must be 8 x 10 with or without border. Deadline is on Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. For details, contacy FPPF at 7/F, Comfoods Building, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City or call Lerma Aquino at 843-5341 and 813-7420.

The latest **winner in the GSIS Annual Painting Competition**, student category, is Jaypee Samson, a 20-year-old Fine Arts student of the University of the Philippines. Samson's painting, "*Mas Masaya Kung Nandito Ka*" is a group portrait of the artist's extended family posing in front of their humble residence in an Antipolo subdivision. The second prize went to John Paul Antido, AMA Computer College, and third prize was awarded to Melvin Arlegui of Far Eastern University.

X-manila

La Magdalena, a photo exhibit by Niccolo Cosme depicting scenes in Mary Magadalene's life—biblical and traditional—done in collaboration with designer Joey Samson of Young Designer's Guild, until July 31 at the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Church in Kawit, Cavite.

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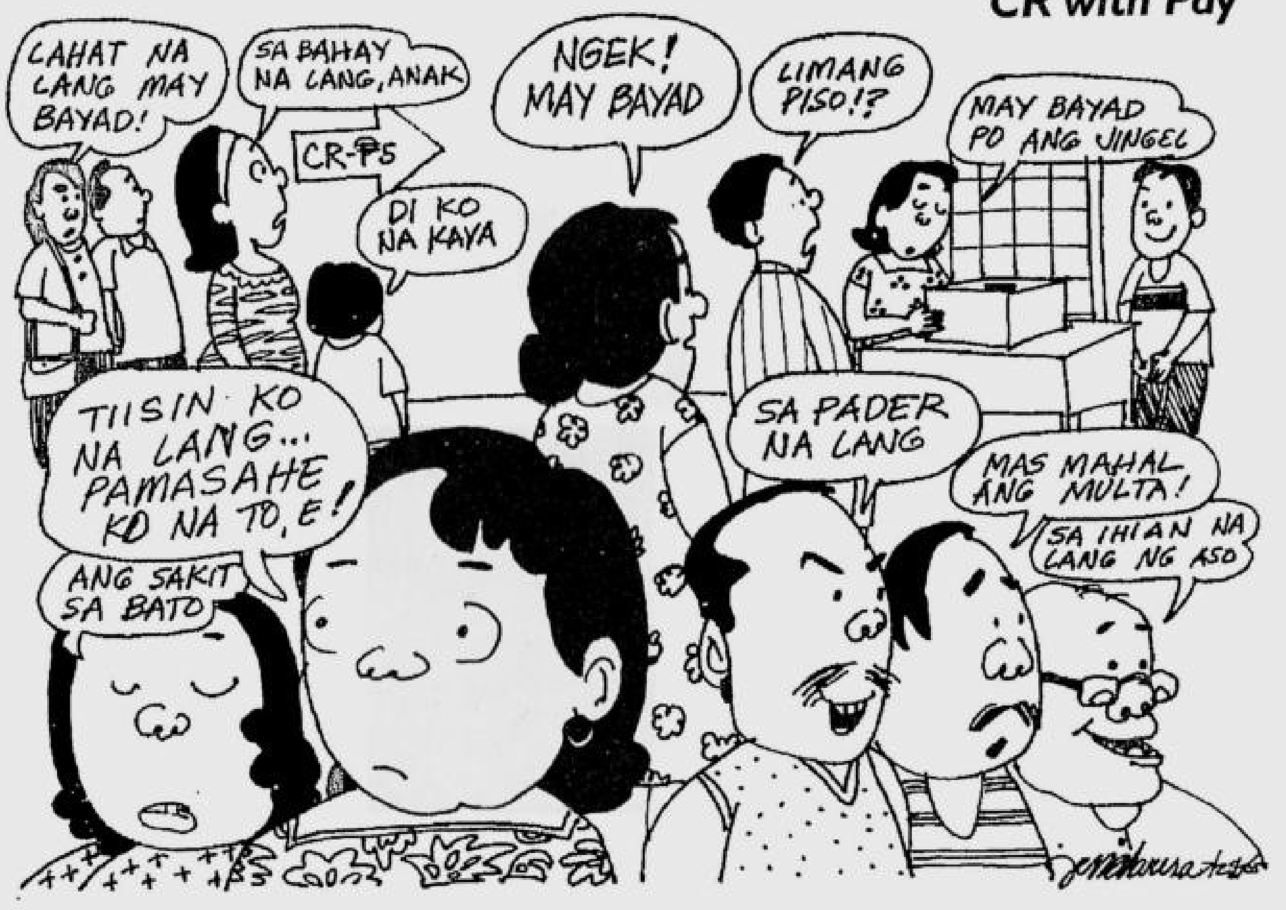

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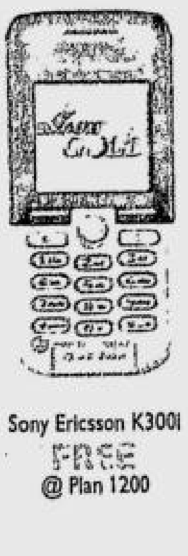
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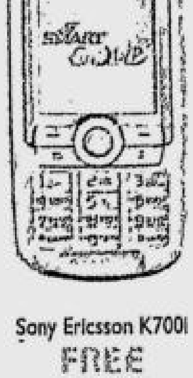
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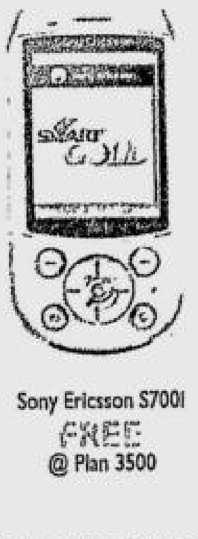
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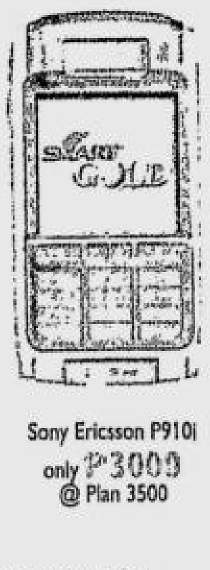
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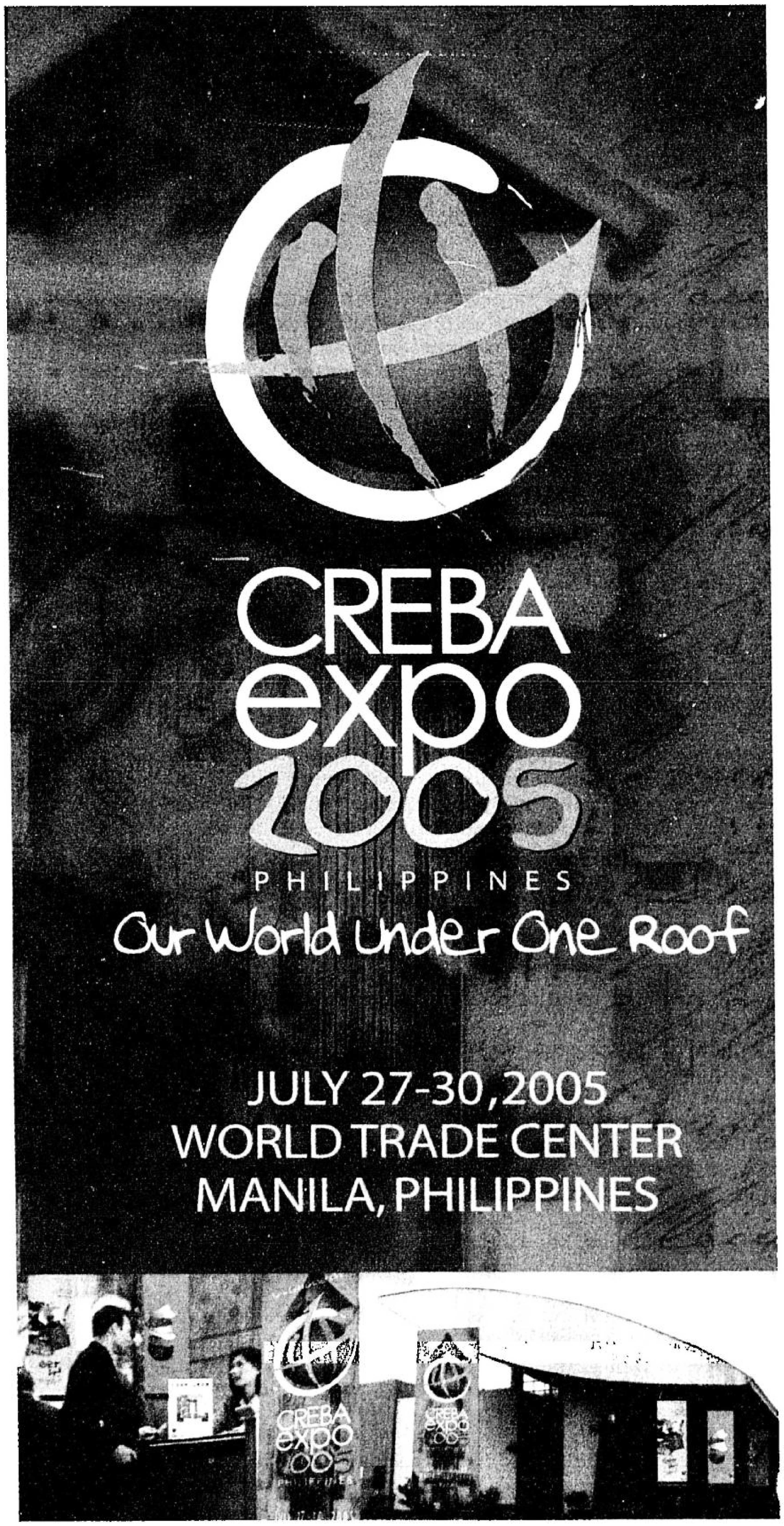

HIGHLIGHTS

Housing Conference

With the program "Sandaang Bahay Bawat Munisipyo, Lungsod at Probinsiya," the event will bring together some of the country's 1,712 local government heads to encourage their respective LGUs to provide housing for their employees

Business Matching

Private real estate properties is matched with reliable developers on a joint-venture basis or other business relationship that will be mutually agreed upon between the property owner and developer-contractor

Homebuyers and Developers Expo

House and lot packages from socialized, low-cost, medium, upscale are offered as household wares and accessories are displayed in a market-like agora

Public Forum

Provided free-of-charge and are open to the public, these seminars will tackle relevant topics such as how to avail of a Pag-Ibig loan to feng shui to detecting fake titles and how to become a real estate broker

Property Auction

On block are bank acquired and foreclosed real estate properties to be sold at huge discounts and special payment schemes

Job Fair

In cooperation with the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the fair is open to the public from July 27-28 and is expected to attract some 10,000 applicants

Creba's service to ordinary people

By Joel V. Nigos

HOMEBUYERS and homeowners will have their hands full on July 27-30, 2005 as the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association (Creba) stages its first-ever Creba Expo 2005 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila.

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ROSEMARIE C. BASA, Creba Expo 2005 Overall Chair

Creba's service to ordinary people

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Dubbed "Our World Under One Roof," the Creba Expo 2005 is expected to attract the ordinary public as all activities in the four-day exhibit are geared for them. Primary exhibitors in the fair are the developers while their target markets are the homebuyers and homeowners.

Rosemarie Basa, Creba executive vice president and overall chair of the Expo, shares that Creba is holding the event to help address the problems in housing. She says that there is an estimated backlog of 4 million housing units in the country.

"The exhibit, which is actually not an exhibit but a program, is our service for the ordinary people. We have everything here, from household wares that they can buy, auctions of house and lot packages at special rates to seminars such as how to apply for a Pag-Ibig loan," she shares.

The Expo also aims to create a business climate through business matching and other activities that will ensure that at the end of the day exhibitors or participants would have made a deal or signed a contract with clients or business partners.

Adds Basa, "It will also provide exhibitors an exhibit venue that will showcase their products in an atmosphere of creativity and distinct style. The public will have an opportunity, particularly the end-users and homebuyers to avail of financing through Pag-Ibig, private banks or other financing institutions."

The fair is a twin activity because after the opening on July 27 of the Creba Expo 2005, the "2nd LGU Housing Conference" will open the next day, on July 28, at the nearby Philtrade Center for all local government officials.

Expo highlights

Highlights of the Expo include the homebuyers and developers expo where all types of real estate development will be presented. There will also be public forums which are provided free-of-charge, auctions of bank properties given at special rates or huge discounts, a Job Fair sponsored by the Philippine Daily Inquirer and an activity competition for architecture students from various universities.

In the homebuyers and developers expo, house and lot packages from medium-rise to high-rise condominium (socialized, low-cost, medium, upscale), commercial development, vacation and retirement communities, memorial plots, and leisure suppliers and contractors are offered. There will also be a market-like agora where household wares and accessories are displayed.

The public forums will tackle 18 relevant topics which deals with housing and the real estate industry. There will be a short "how to" Powerpoint presentation on subjects such as how to avail of a Pag-Ibig loan (from P225,000 to P2 million), how to secure developmental loans and other credit facilities. Topics on feng shui, detecting fake titles, taxation, titling, how to be a real estate broker, and other issues affecting the real estate industry will also be presented.

The auctions, on the other hand, will put on block bank acquired and foreclosed real estate properties at huge discounts and special payment schemes.

In the architectural competition, students will present their design on the topic "Pinoy Living in the Future." Creba developers will consider winning entries in future projects.

There will also be a Job Fair in cooperation with the Philippine Daily Inquirer. The fair will be open to the public from July 27-28. It is expected to attract some 10,000 applicants.

With all these activities, the Expo will definitely transform the exhibit venue into a community like atmosphere where business can be conducted in a relaxed atmosphere. A Piazza is provided in the middle of the exhibit hall where people can converge and conduct business. At three sides of the Piazza are entertainment squares where visitors and exhibitors can also relaxed and where food is available and where business can also be conducted.

This is also where private real estate properties could be matched with reliable developers on a joint-venture basis or other business relationship that will be mutually agreed upon between the property owner and developer-contractor.

Meanwhile, Creba has signed MOAs with various organizations, the purpose of which is to match the housing requirements of these organizations with Creba developers. These include the Movie Workers Welfare Foundation (Mowelfund), Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas, Employers Confederation of the Philippines, Philippine Exporters Confederation of the Philippines, United Filipino Seafarers (UFS), Kaibigan ng OCW, Kakampi, Akbay Pinoy and the Filipino Overseas Sandigan Club.

IN its efforts to help address the problems of the housing sector, Creba has signed recently Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) with various organizations, the purpose of which is to match the housing requirements of these organizations with Creba developers. At the signing ceremony are heads of the following organizations: Boots Anson Roa, executive director of the Movie Workers Welfare Foundation (Mowelfund), Ruperto Nicdao Jr., president of Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas, Rene Soriano, president of Employers Confederation of the Philippines, Sergio Ortiz-Luis, president of Philippine Exporters Confederation of the Philippines, Nelson Ramirez, president and chair of United Filipino Seafarers (UFS), Noel Josue, president of Kaibigan ng OCW, Fe Nicodemus, president of Kakampi, Bong Guro of Akbay Pinoy and Eddie Manongsong of the Filipino Overseas Sandigan Club.

A social event

The Creba Expo will also be a social event for participants as entertainment numbers and musical bands will be featured every night. Music will be provided in-between forums and auctions during the day. There will be daily themes and motifs as follows: July 27 (Wednesday) which is the opening day would be the Filipiniana Night; July 28 (Thursday) would be Boracay Night in which everyone is expected to be in his or her island attire and would dance to the sound of the island of Boracay; July 29 (Friday) would be Samba Night where Latin bands would provide the dancing music. There will be a Midnight Madness Sale on July 30 (Saturday), the last day of the event where all exhibitors will sell their wares at big, big discounts. All these parties are open to the public since these are really conceptualized for them to meet and socialize first and talk business later.

Housing industry advocate

Creba was established in October 1973 to unite the different disciplines of the real estate and housing industry as developments in the sector took a frenzied pace and developers and homebuyers met various problems and obstacles.

Throughout the years, it has become the voice of the sector in the government and which the government turns on to with regard to issues that affect real estate and housing.

It has actively participated and vigorously pushed for the interest of the industry in the passage of legislation, establishment of support institutions and adoption of rules and regulations for the sector. Among these advocacies are the creation of various government agencies such as the National Housing Authority, the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, the Pag-Ibig Fund, the National Home Mortgage and Finance Corp. and its own Creba Social Housing Foundation Inc. It has pushed for the construction of water mains throughout Manila which was undertaken by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System in 1975. It has also pushed for the passage of laws such as BP 220 (Social Housing Act) and PD 957 (Subdivision and Condominium Buyers' Protection Decree).

Its current advocacies include the fixing of interest rates for housing loans, the creation of the Department of Housing which will serve as the highest policy-making body, planning and governing body for human settlements, the creation of local housing boards, and the Centralized Home Financing Program (CHFP).

Creba has established its own Business Against Graft and Corruption (Bagcor), a group within Creba, which seeks to reduce bureaucratic red tape and graft and corruption in government. It has also opposed the imposition of E-VAT in all real estate transactions.

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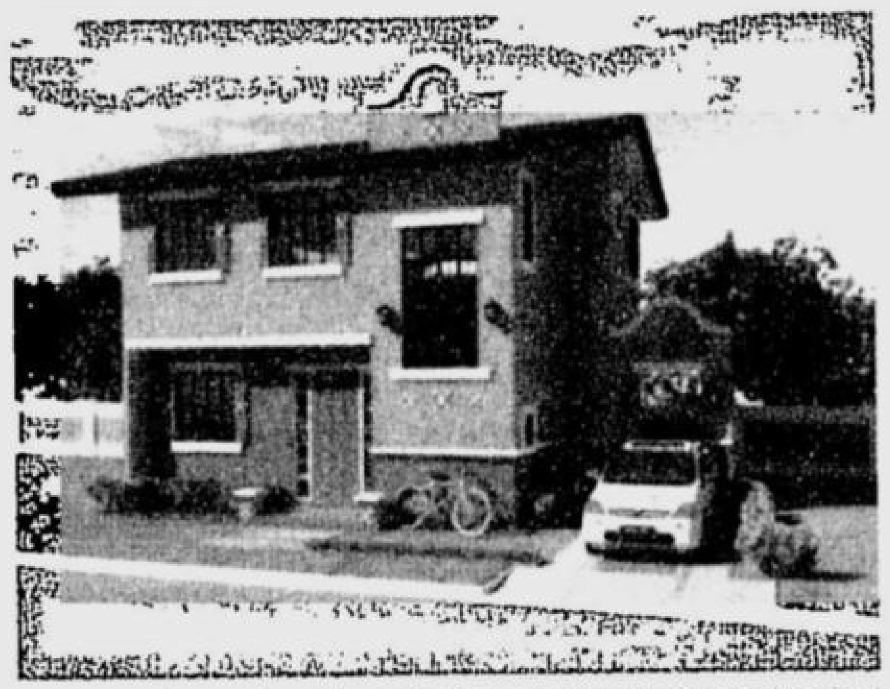

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Housing conference to help address problems in sector

By Joel V. Nigos

Vice President and HUDCC Chair Noli De Castro

AS the first-ever "Creba Expo 2005" is being staged at the World Trade Center Metro Manila, a parallel event will also be held at the nearby Philippine Trade Training Center (Philtrade) on July 28-29, 2005 for the "2nd LGU Housing Conference."

The conference will bring together some of the country's 1,712 provincial governors, city and municipal mayors to encourage their respective local government units (LGUs) to provide housing primarily for their employees. Thus, the program "Sandaang Bahay Bawat Munisipto, Lungsod at Probinsiya."

The project, says Rosemarie Basa, Creba Expo 2005 overall chair, is intended to help solve the backlog of some four million housing units in the country.

"If each LGU, in cooperation with a reliable developer, embarks on producing even only 100 housing units per year, this will mean some 170,000 housing units produced every year," she explains. Basa adds that this way it will lessen the country's needs for housing units.

The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) are both assisting in the project.

"'Sandaang Bahay...' was initially inaugurated right in the hometown of Vice President and HUDCC Chairman Noli de Castro in Pola, Oriental Mindoro. It is also currently working with 38 local government units which have signed their respective Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) with the Creba Social Housing Foundation Inc. (CSHFI), which is in-charge of the program," she shares. Basa is CSHFI's board chair.

The housing conference will have the Vice President as the event's guest speaker as he talks about "LGU Housing." Other prominent figures in the industry will also be there as they discuss various topics such as the "HDMF-LGU Funding for Housing" which will be given by HDMF president Romero F.S. Quimbo, "Providing Housing for LGU Employees" by Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes, "Supporting LGU Development" by newly appointed Finance Secretary Margarito Teves, and "Congressional Funding" by Parañaque Rep. Eduardo Zialcita. Zialcita is the author of a bill in Congress where each congressional district will provide P10 million for the building of the housing units. He is the chairman of the committee on housing in the House.

There will also be forums on livelihood and financing programs from various government agencies like the Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corp., the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corp., People's Credit and Finance Corp. and the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center.

Meanwhile, a signing of the MOA between the House of Representatives, HUDCC, Gawad Kalinga and the CSHFI will also be done during the event. These organizations and agencies are the ones involved in the "Sandaang Bahay..." project.

The housing conference expects to surpass the more than 600 participants or local government officials it attracted last year.

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Shophouse owners may run small-scale businesses such as a boutique, video rental shop, clinic, 24-hour convenience store or mini-mart from a 38.78-square-meter commercial level on the ground floor. Upstairs, the living quarters feature a master's bedroom, a children's bedroom, dining and living areas, a kitchen and a toilet and bath. To ensure privacy, the Shophouse provides separate entrances to the shop and to the upper level home.

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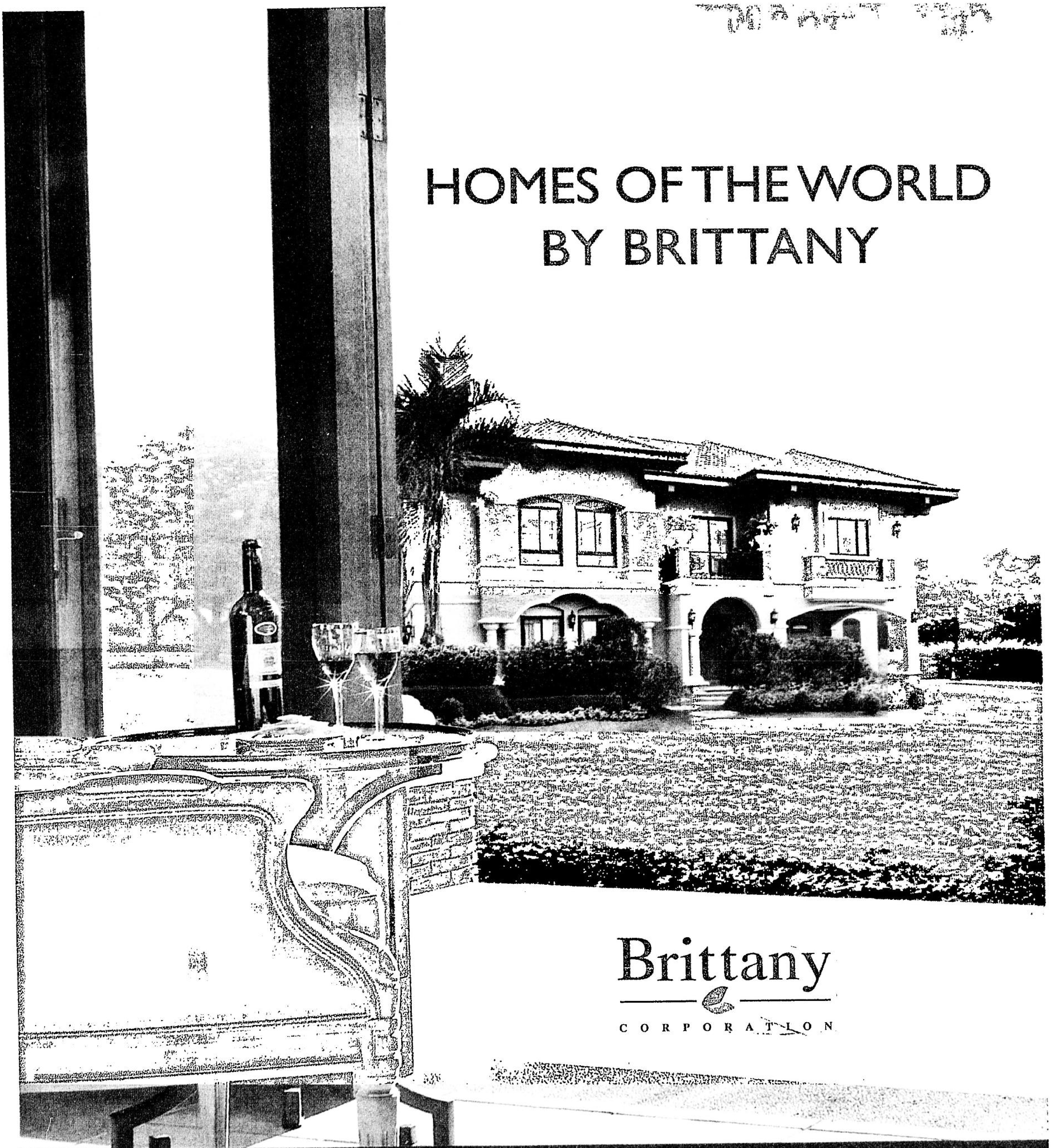
What's more, Laguna BelAir boasts an efficient road network that allows Shophouse owners to drive a short distance to major work centers such as the Laguna Technopark and Laguna International Industrial Park and popular leisure spots such as Enchanted Kingdom and Tagaytay.

The Laguna BelAir Shophouse is an income-generating investment that allows family members to spend more quality time with one another. And with Empire East's three years to pay, zero downpayment and interest plan, homebuyers can mix business with pleasure the easy way. For inquiries, call Empire East at 867-8937 to 41 or email sales1@eelhi.com.ph.

CREBA 2005 OFFICERS and BOARD of DIRECTORS

MOA SIGNING between Philippine Daily Inquirer JobMarket and the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association (Creba) on July 5 for Creba Expo 2005 and Job Fair. Seated from left, Harold Dacumos, chairperson Job Fair Committee, Jesse Francis Rebustillo, Inquirer Classified Ads division head, Rosemarie C. Basa, chairman of the board Creba Social Housing Foundation. Witnessing the signing are Adela Mendoza, Aileen Garcia, Lourdes Diaz and Mario Delos Reyes, all of Inquirer.



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THE CREBA Expo 2005 with the theme "Our World Under One Roof," the year's major project of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations (CREBA) set on July 27-30 at the World Trade Center, is envisioned as the first creative and stylish supermarket for home buyers and homeowners.

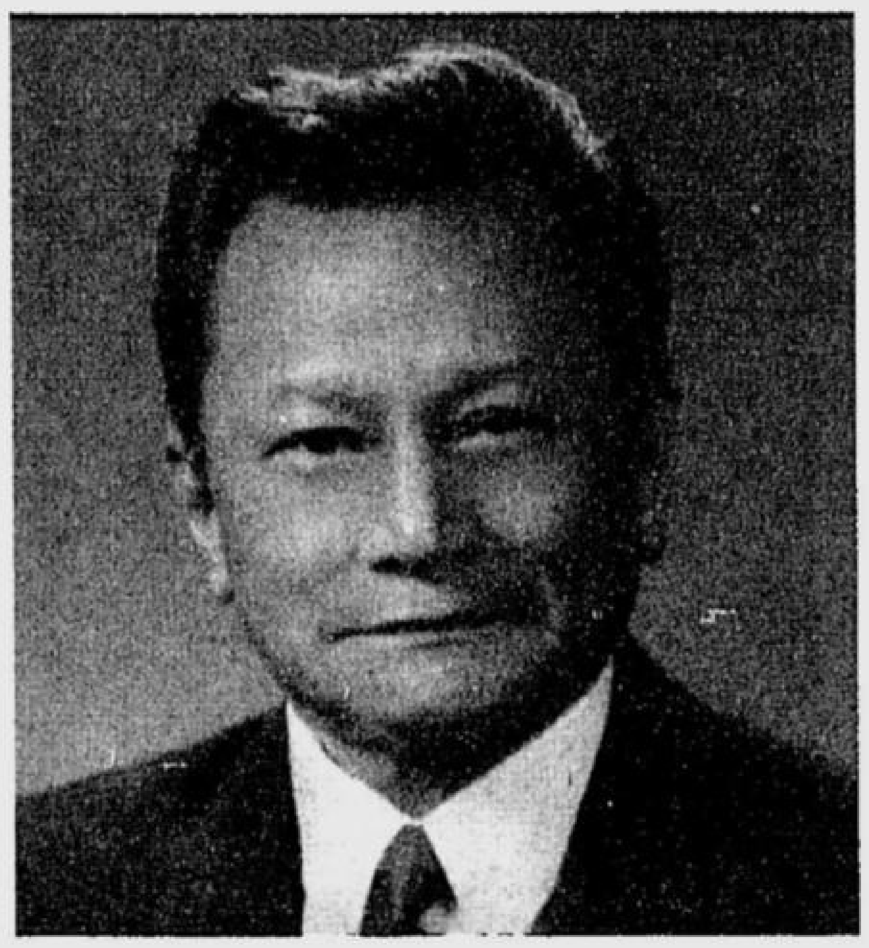
This was underscored by National President Jaime A. Cura and Executive Vice-President Rosemarie C. Basa of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Associations (CREBA). Basa is the Expo chairperson. "Everybody is invited," they said.

All kinds of real estate property will be presented to the public. House-and-lot packages, medium-rise and high-rise condominium – socialized, low-cost, medium, upscale – commercial development, vacation and retirement communities and leisure resorts, and even memorial parks. For homeowners after household and garden wares, an "Agora" of booths bursting with variety of items awaits them.

For both buyers and owners, the Expo can be a learning experience. For each Expo day, free forums are scheduled on such topics as how to apply for Pag-IBIG Fund membership and housing loans and to restructure delinquent loans; home improvements, interior design, including color schemes, furniture arrangements, even *feng shui,* and pointers on well-planned and functional homes, landscaping and gardening, even without soil.

Other topics: detecting fake land titles, documenting titles, land sales and transfers and replacing lost, damaged and defective titles. house design and layout, how to compute cost of labor and materials in house construction; real estate taxation, land valuation and appraisal, and how to avail of housing loans with banks. Visitors interested in engaging in real estate selling, will get tips on how to become licensed real estate brokers, and even how to take advantage of opportunities in the international market.

JAIME CURA,
National President



MANUEL SERRANO,
Founding Chairman

"With all this available valuable information and all the dazzling real estate exhibits," Cura and Basa said, "most everybody has every good reason to drop by and even stay on at the CREBA Expo 2005."

Developers and other industrial companies taking part as exhibitors are Alanda E-Realty, Almeda Inc., Asian Pacific, Benjamin Construction, Brittany, Cathay Land Inc., Central Country Estate, CityState Realty Development Corp., Crown Asia/Polar, DMCI Homes, Duraville Realty Development Corp., Elysian Field, Empire East Corp., Extraordinary-Earth and Style, Federal Land, Fil-Estate, Filipinia Tagaytay Properties/RGV, Filinvest Land Inc., Fortune Star, Goldland, Heritage Park, Homeowners Development Corp., Houseland Realty, Jardine Land, JTKC Land Inc., Lexber Realty/Holiday, Loremar Realty, Loyola Group of Companies, Macro Properties, M. Abubakar Consolidated, Magnificent Ventures, MILHA Inc., Moldex Realty, Masterpiece, Northwoods Realty Development Corp., One Asia Development Corp., PhilMay Property, Philtown Properties Inc., R-II Builders, RJ Lhinet, Serve Quest, Sta. Elena Properties, State Properties Corp., Starland Properties, Sunrise Holiday Concept, The Shang Grand Tower Corp., TGCI (Canyon Woods Residential), and V.V. Soliven Realty Development.

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'Sandaang Bahay Bawat Probinsiya, Lungsod, Munisipyo at Pribadong Sektor'

LGU-Private Sector Housing Conference opens at PTTC

THE CREBA Social Housing Foundation Inc. (CSHFI), with the support of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), will hold the 2005 LGU-Private Sector Housing Conference with theme "Sandaang Bahay Bawat Probinsiya, Lungsod, Munisipyo at Pribadong Sektor" at the Philippine Trade Training Center on July 28-30.

Ms. Rosemarie C. Basa is CSHFI chairman, while Efren "Choy" Alas is president. Florante C. Ofrecio and Manuel Torres are, respectively,overall conference chair and program chairman.

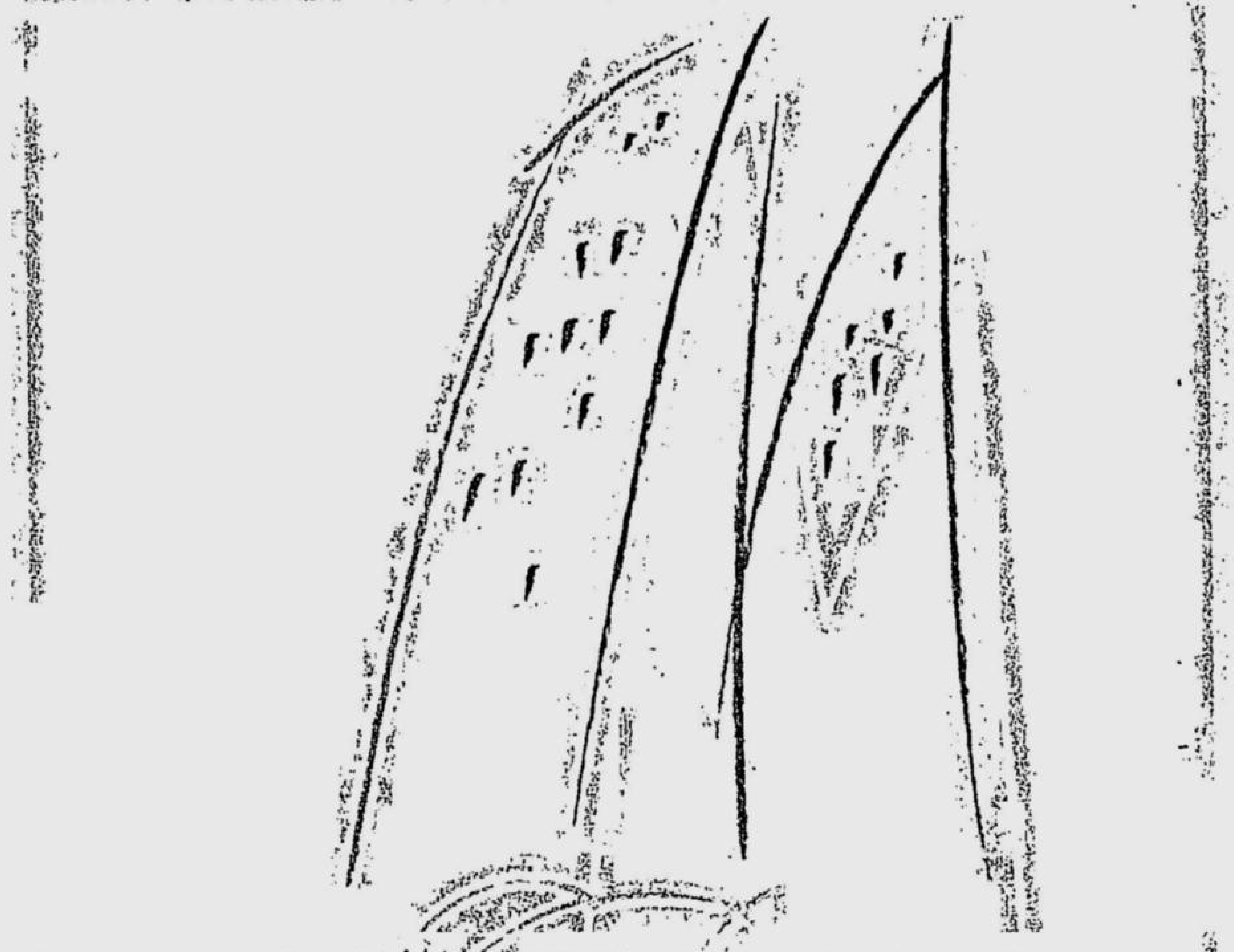
The housing conference aims to prod governors, mayors and other local officials to initiate housing projects in their own communities. The Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund) is conference sponsor.

Before the start of the conference, half of the PTTA will be reserved for a job fair co-sponsored by CSHFI, DILG and HUDCC, together with the Department of Labor and Employment and the Public Employment Service Offices of the cities of Pasay, Paranaque, Manila, Las Pinas and Makati. In charge of the job fair are Harold Dacumos, Douglas Nazareno and Reymar Mansilungan.

Conference speakers are DILG Secretary Angelo T. Reyes who will encourage governors, mayors and other local officials to initiate housing projects; Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita, congressional funding for housing; Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Michael Defensor, DENR's role in the housing program.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Datu Nasser C. Pangandaman, DAR's role in the housing development program; Budget and Management Undersecretary-OIC Mario Relanpagos, DBM funding for LGU housing; Pag-IBIG Fund President-CEO Romero F.S. Quimbo, Pag-IBIG Fund funding for LGU housing. Philippine Tourism Authority Director Robert Dean Barbers, promoting local tourism; Commissioner Francisco L. Dagnalan, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, "HLRUB: Back to Basics"; Ms. Leonora A. Fernandez, Development Bank of the Philippines vice-president, DBP LGU funding; Donald Y. Dee, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), PCCI response to housing; Basa, "10 Easy Steps" for LGU housing; architect Felino A. Palafox Jr., founder and senior partner, Palafox Associates, global trends and revolutionary ideas in urban planning and real estate development; Mayor Alex M. Aranas, Polo, Oriental Mindoro, the first 100 LGU housing projects in the country; Mayor Federico Poblete, development plans for Kawit, Cavite; and Bohol Gov. Enrico B. Augmento, national president, League of Provinces of the Philippines, development and housing initiatives of Bohol.

Speakers on livelihood and financing programs for LGUs are Edgar V. Generoso, president, People's Credit and Finance Corp.; Nelson C. Buenaflor, president-CEO, Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corp.; Renato Oxina, team head, strategic technology and livelihood group, Technology and Livelihood Resource Center; Ms. Ma. Luna C. David, vice-president for loans group, Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corp.



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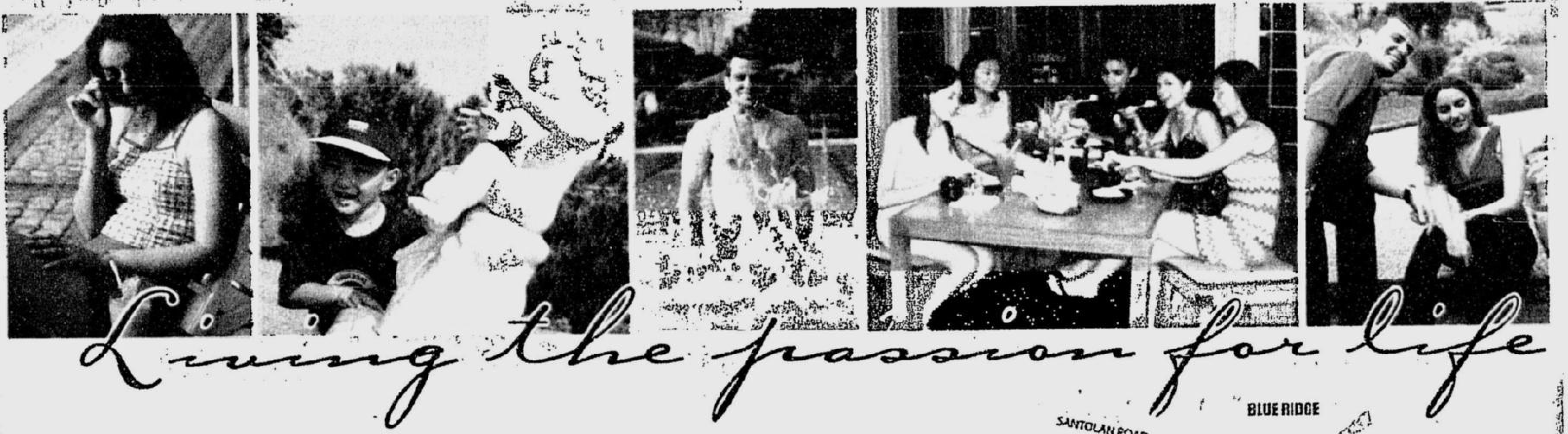
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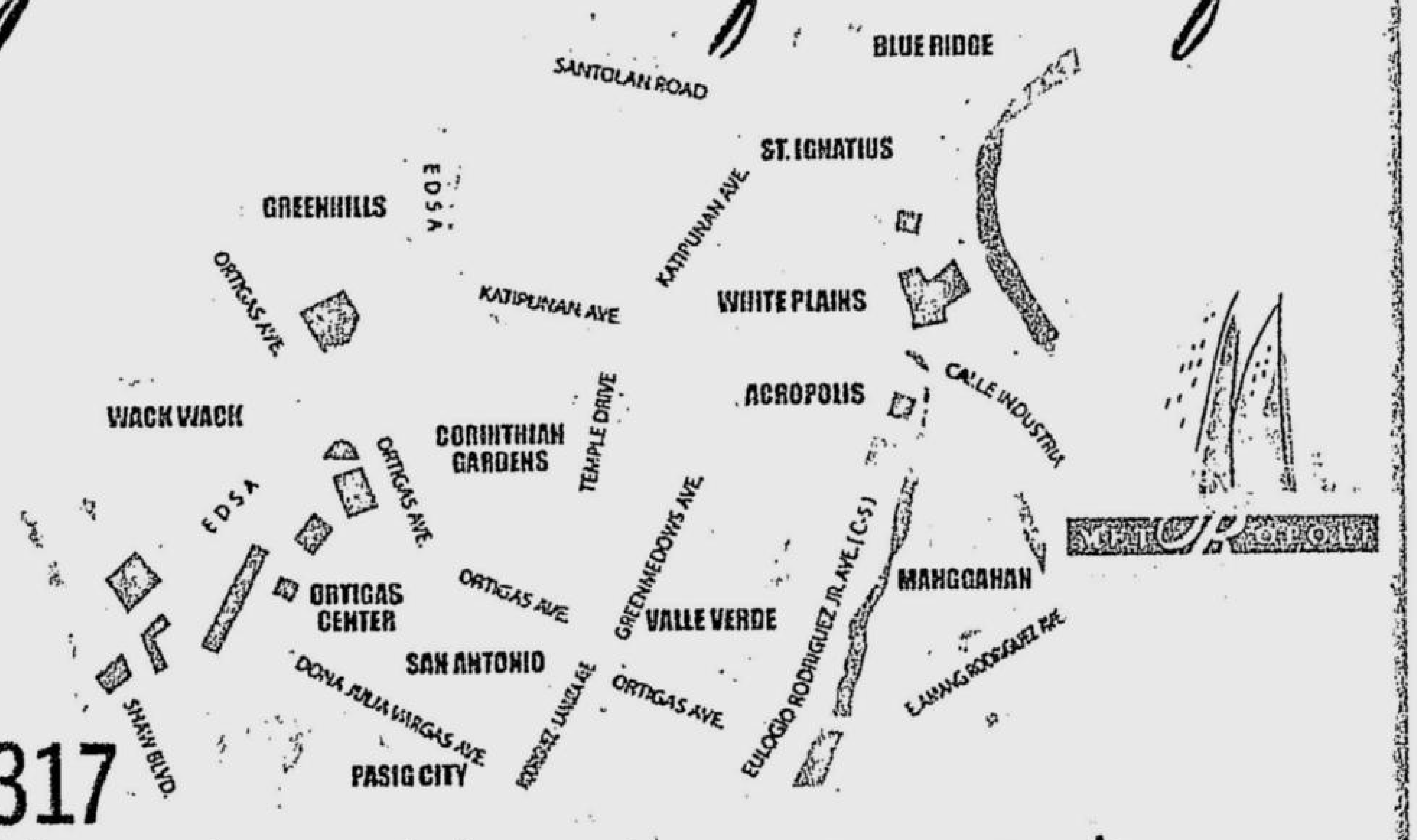
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10:50 am	Official Walk to the Plaza (Guided by the CREBA Mimes)	
10:55 am	Blessing Rites	Fr. Ronnie Samaniego
11:00 am	Welcome Message	Ms. Rosemarie C. Basa *Overall Chairman CREBA Expo*
11:05 am	Acknowledgement of Guest	Mr. Efren "Choy" Alas Pres. CREBA Social Housing
11:10 am	Introduction of Guest of Honor	Ms. Ave P. Acuña *VP for Internal Affairs*
11:20 am	Message of Guest if Honor	
11:25 am	Presentation of CREBA Officers/Directors	Emcee
11:30 am	Declaration of Opening of Exhibit	Dr. Jaime A. Cura *National Pres. CREBA*
11:35 am	Prosperity Rites	Ms. Teresita C. Millan Ms. Purita R. Soliven

Emcee: Mr. Andrew Que

Wednesday, July 27,2005
AFTERNOON SESSION
Emcee for the Day: Ms. Techie Bautista

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	How to Apply for Pag-Ibig Membership	**Mr. Angel Baleña** *Asst. GM-HDMF Caloocan*
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	How to Apply for Housing Loan	**Ms. Cristina Reyes** *Manager-Loan Origination Housing*
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Pag-Ibig Medium/Highrise Building Program	**Mr. Juanito V. Eje** *Task Force Head, MHRB Program*
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Restructuring Delinquent Housing Loan	**Atty. Ruben Arcay** Manager, Foreclosures Group Pag-Ibig

Evening 6:00 pm
(Filipiniana Attire)
Cultural Dances, Filipino Music

July 28, Thursday
10:00am-9:00pm

Emcee for the Day: Mr. Demy Posadas

Piazza Serrano
MORNING SESSION

10:30 am – 11:15 am	Filipino Building Beliefs (Feng Shui)	**Arch.Ernesto R. Zarate** *Phil. Institute of Architects*
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	New Landscaping Ideas	**Arch. Mary Ann Espina** *Phil.Association of Landscape Arch.*

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Detecting Fake Land Titles	**Mr. Gregorio Bilog** *Ex-Commissioner Land Regulatory Authority*
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	Documenting Titles, Land Sales and Transfer	**Atty. Amando S. Deloria** *Former Commissioner Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board*
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Replacing Lost, Damaged & Detective Titles	**Atty. Libby S. Tan** *Deputy Register of Deeds III City of Manila*
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Auction of Banks Foreclosed Properties	

EVENING 6:00 PM

Boracay Night (Island Resort Attire)
With Live Band, Dancing & Singing

July 29, Friday
10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Emcee for the Day: Mr. Noli Torres
MORNING SESSION

10:30 am. – 11:15 am	"Land Valuation and Appraisal	**Mr. Victor T. Salinas** *Pres. Phil. Association of Real Estate Appraiser*
11:15 am – 11:45 am	"How to Avail of Housing Loans w/ Banks	**Mr. Efren "Choy" Alas** *CREBA President Social Housing Foundation*

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	"House Design & Layout	**Arch. Terry Fresnido** *Philippine Institute of Architects*
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	"How to Compute Cost of Labor and Materials in House Construction	**Engr. Felipe Agustin** *Senior Project Engineer Australia Management Engineer*
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	"Real Estate Taxation"	Atty. Victor Mamalateo *Former BIR Deputy Commissioner*
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	"AUCTION OF BANKS FORECLOSED PROPERTIES"	

EVENING SESSION 6:00 PM

Samba Night (Latin Dancing, Latin Music, Latin Band)

*** DAILY BUSINESS MATCHING AT CREBA BOOTH ***

July 30, Saturday
10:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Emcee for the Day: Ms. Avelina P. Acuña
MORNING SESSION

10:30 am – 11:15 am	"Interior Design" (ABC)	**Arch. Leo Almeria** *Phil. Institute of Interior Design*
11:15 am – 12:00 noon	"Home Improvement Techniques"	**Arch. Enrique O. Olonan** *Past Pres. UAP*

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	"Income Opportunities in Realty Selling"	**Mr. Victorio Soliven** *CREBA Past President*
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	"How to Become a Licensed Real Estate Broker"	**Mr. Virgilio Monge** *Past Pres. REBAP Caloocan Chapter*
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	"Opportunities in the International Property Markets"	**Ms. Tetchie P. Bautista** *VP CREBA International Foundation*
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	"AUCTION OF BANKS FORECLOSED PROPERTIES"	

EVENING SESSION 6:00 pm

Midnight Madness Sale

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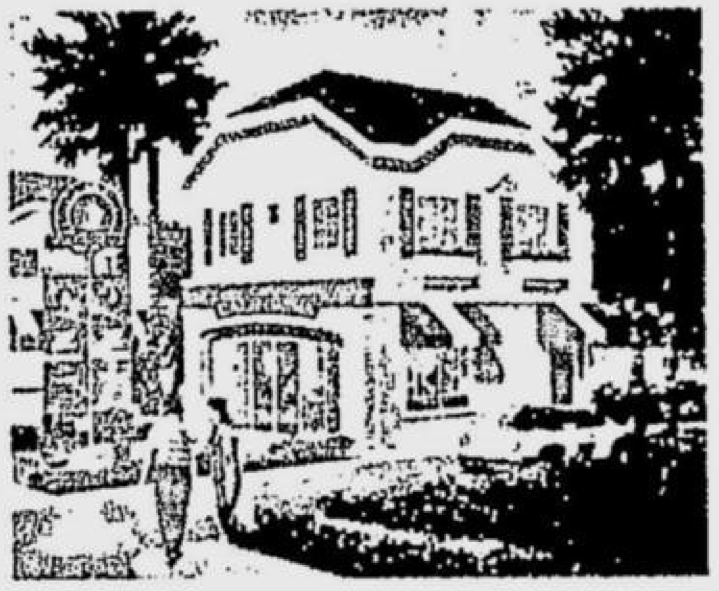

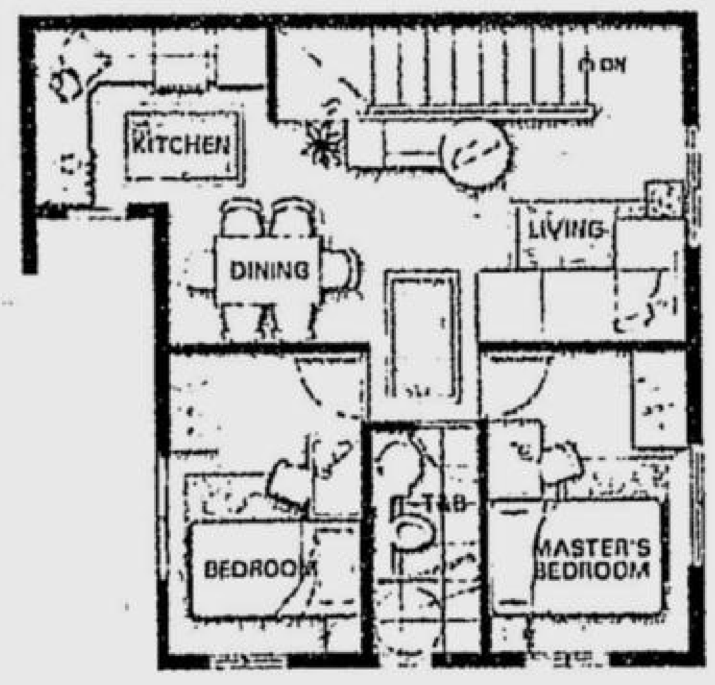

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Woodville launches new house models

WOODVILLE, one of the master-planned communities of Futura Classic, the Value Homes Division of Filinvest Land Inc., has launched recently several affordable house models ideal for growing families.

The Bloom Series offers the Marigold house model with 56.6 sq.m. usable floor area. This house model can be adapted to fit your family's growing needs as it features a loft that can also be converted to an extra room anytime you wish. Marigold is constructed using high quality materials and is also available at a budget-friendly price—perfect for a fresh start!

The Tree Series, on the other hand, are expertly built homes that offer a roofdeck to provide more space for family activities or for vertical expansion as the need arises. These are Narra Expanded (74.6 sq.m. usable floor area), Walnut Basic (115.8 sq.m. usable floor area) and the Oak Duplex (42 sq.m. usable floor area per unit).

Meanwhile, Woodville has held the blessing for the Country-inspired gazebo set amid the trees and flowers of the Tree Park. It has added charm and beauty to the place which also made it ideal place for picnics, playing and other family activities.

The weekend activity was attended by guests, buyers, brokers, agents and Filinvest Land project team headed by Roberto Arcebal Jr., project group head of Futura Classic, Janette Manlangit, business development officer, Jula Gesmundo, business development assistant, Hazel Gabriel, sales officer and engineer Ramonchito Alegre, subdivision administrator.

Woodville is located at Gen. Trias, Cavite, and is easily accessible to various commercial centers, schools and hospitals.

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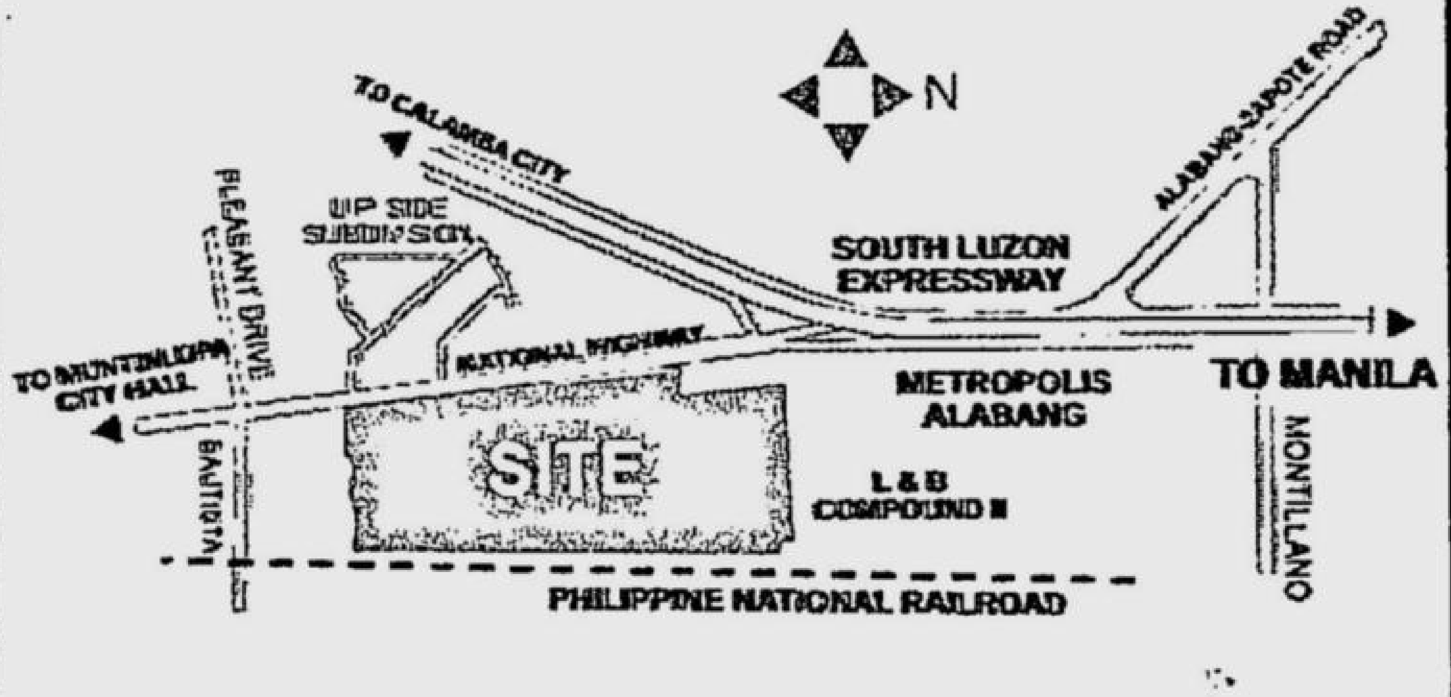
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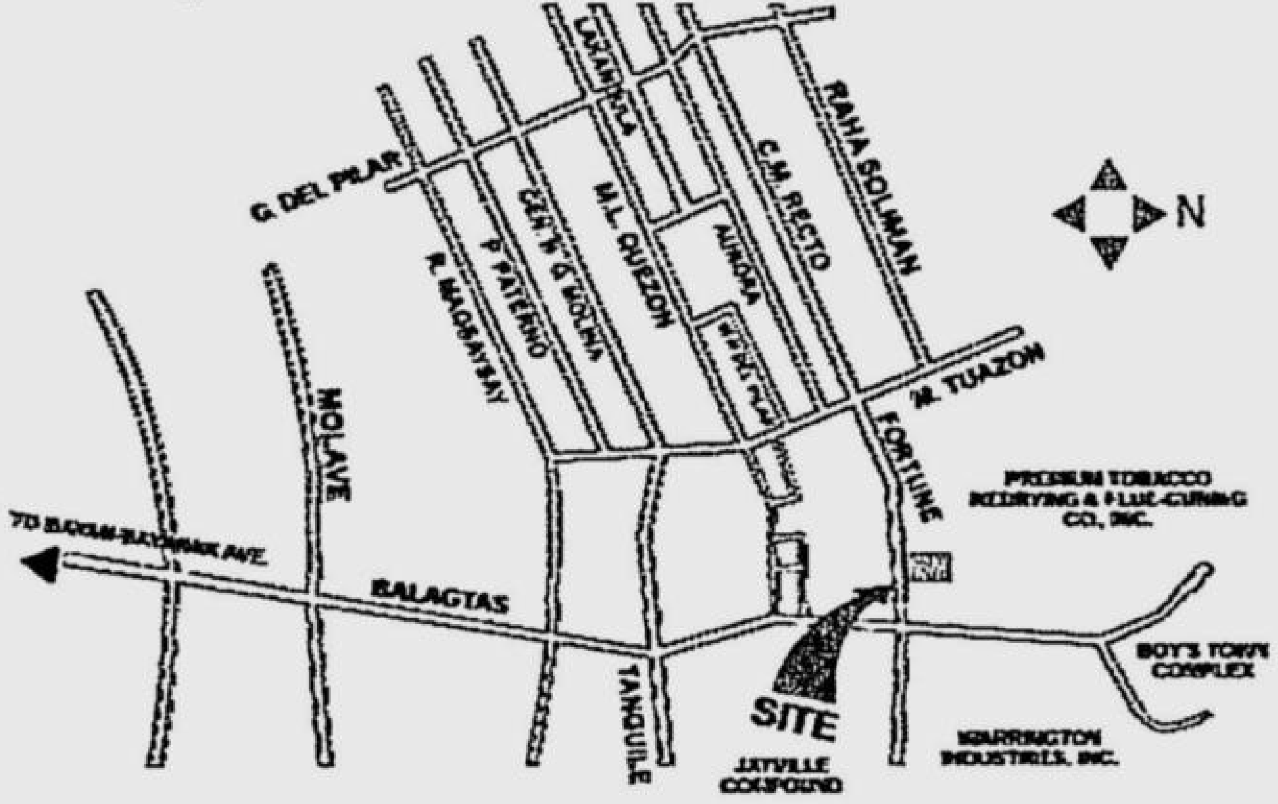
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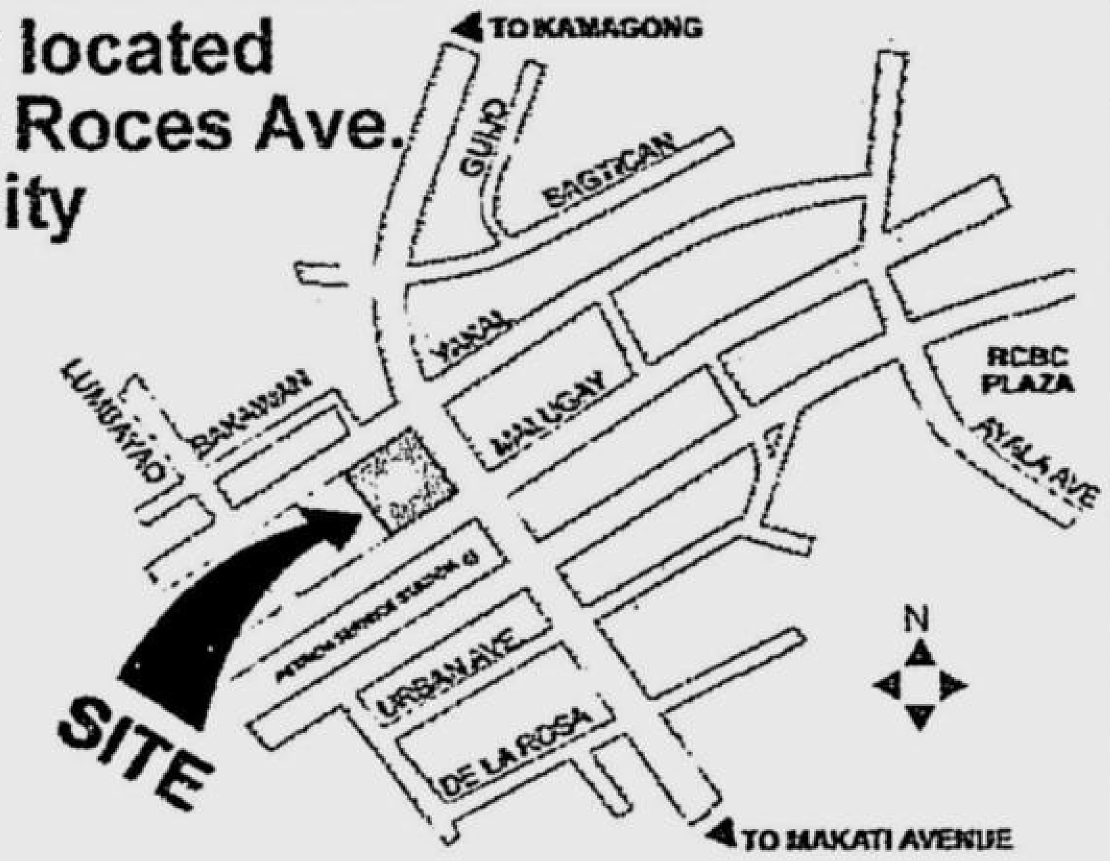
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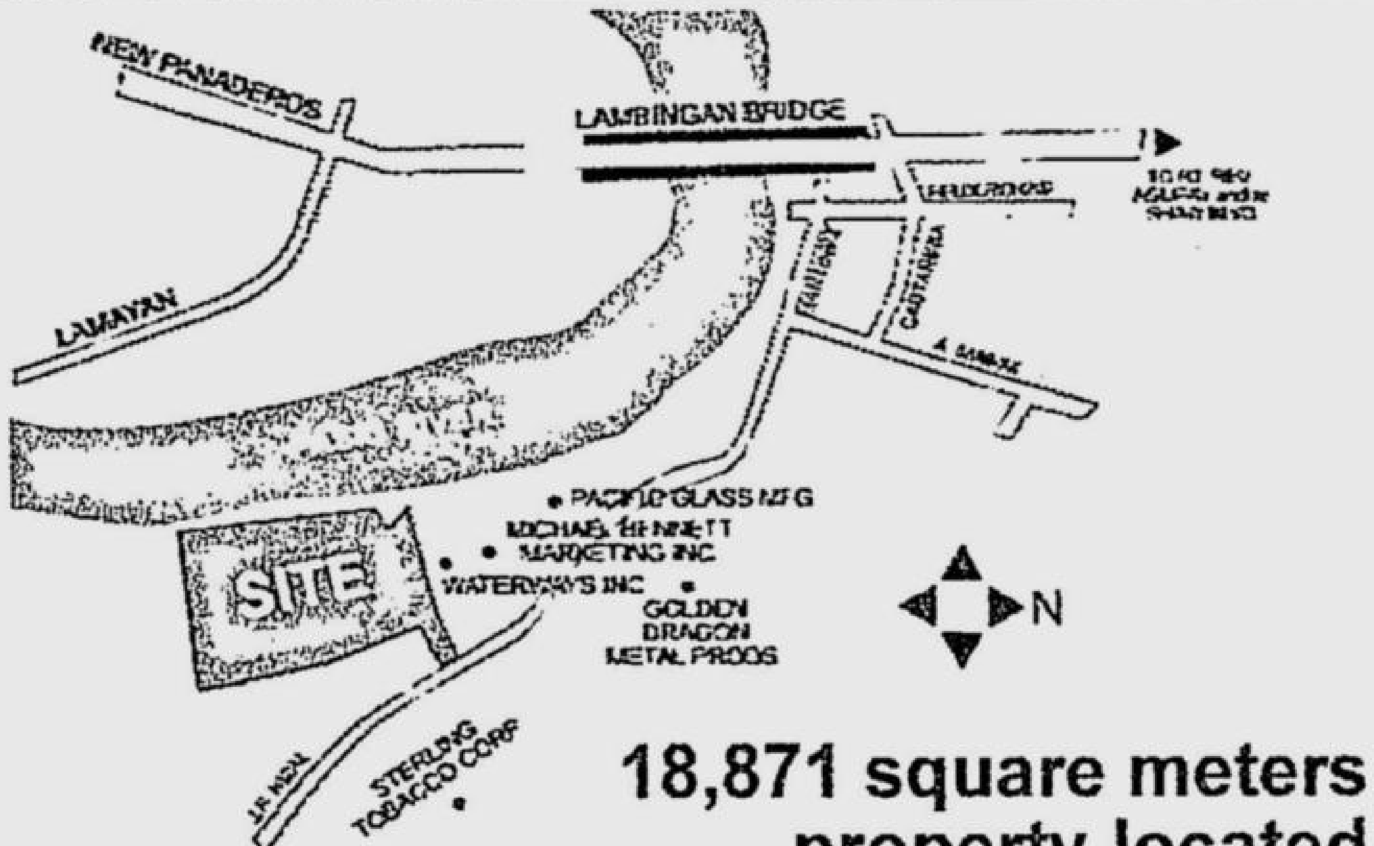
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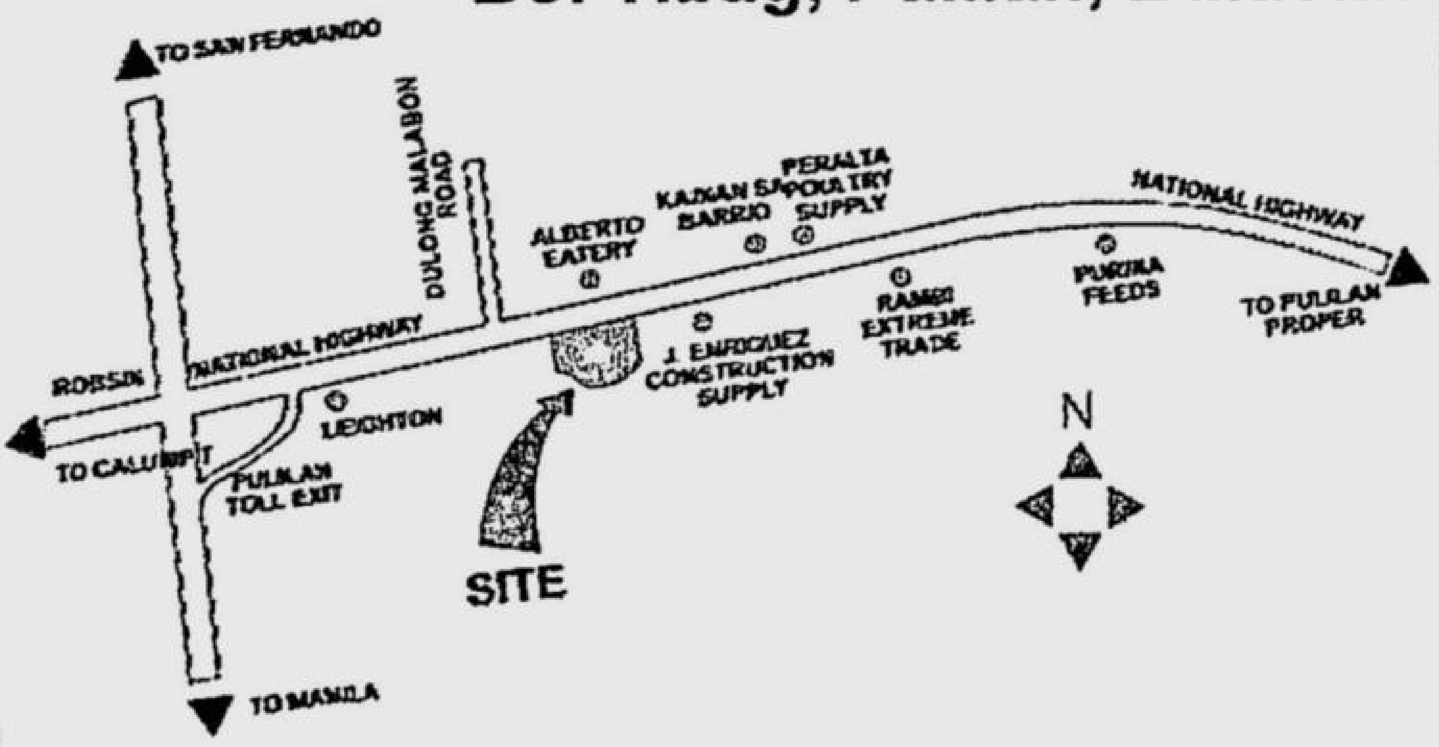
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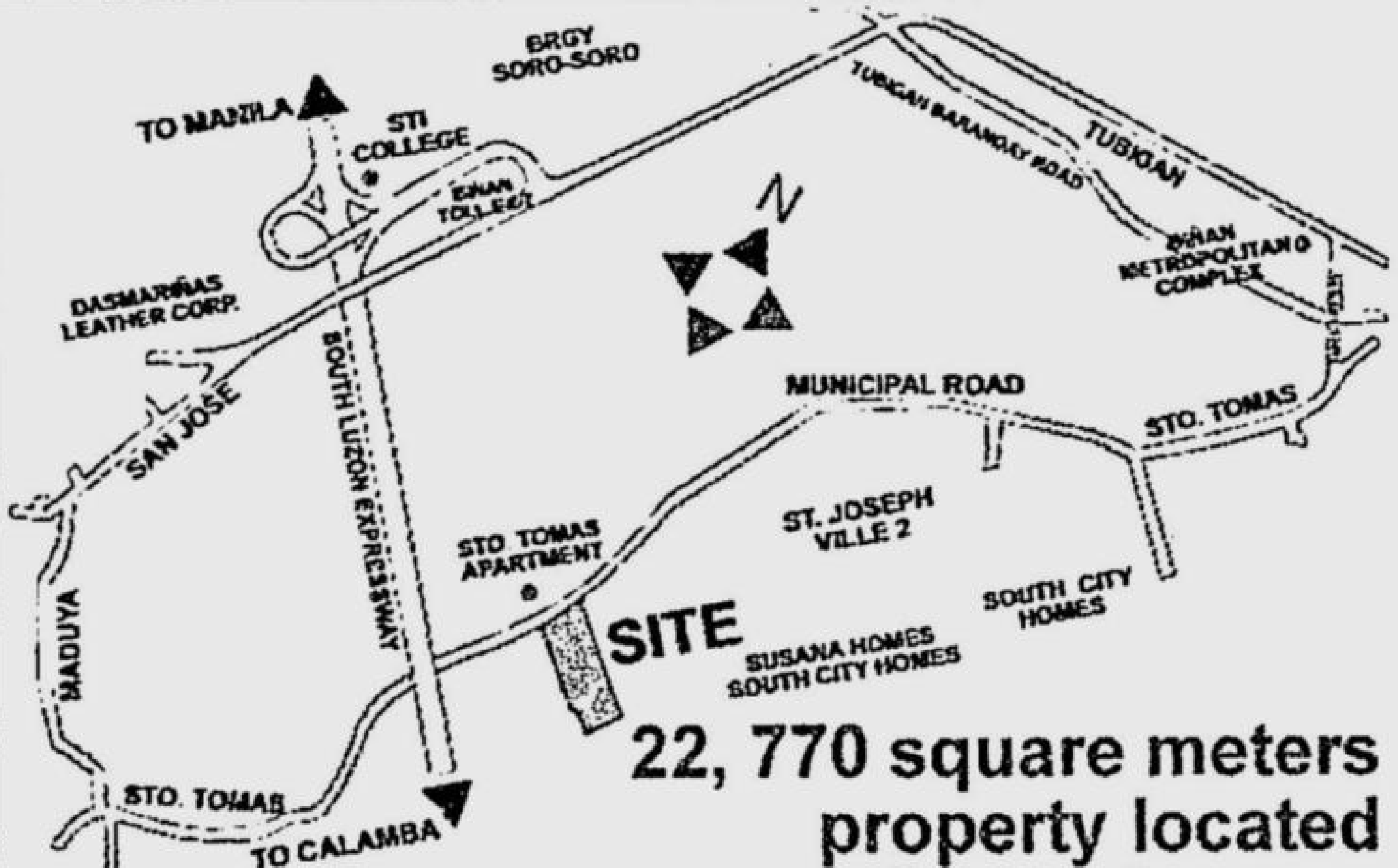
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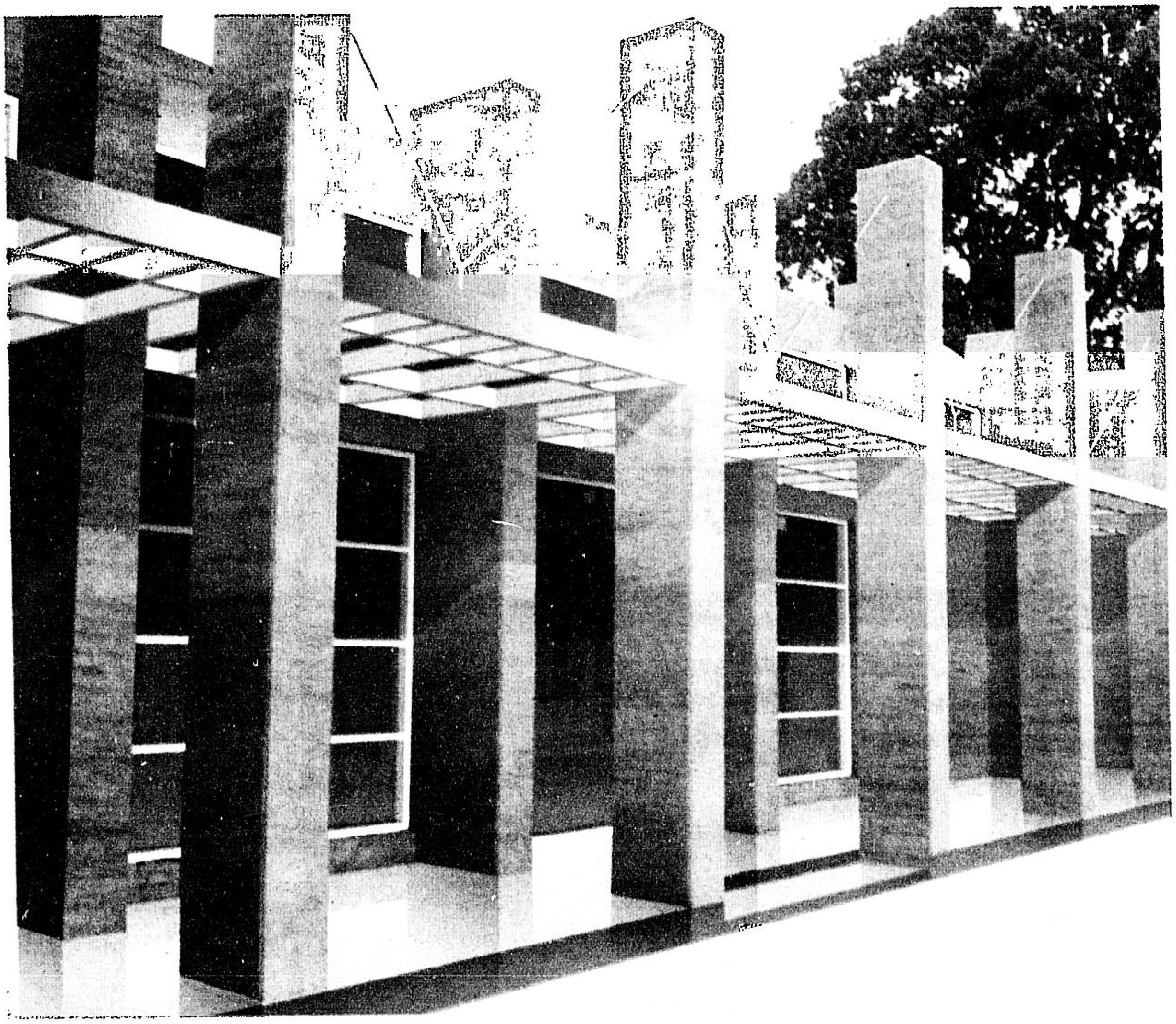

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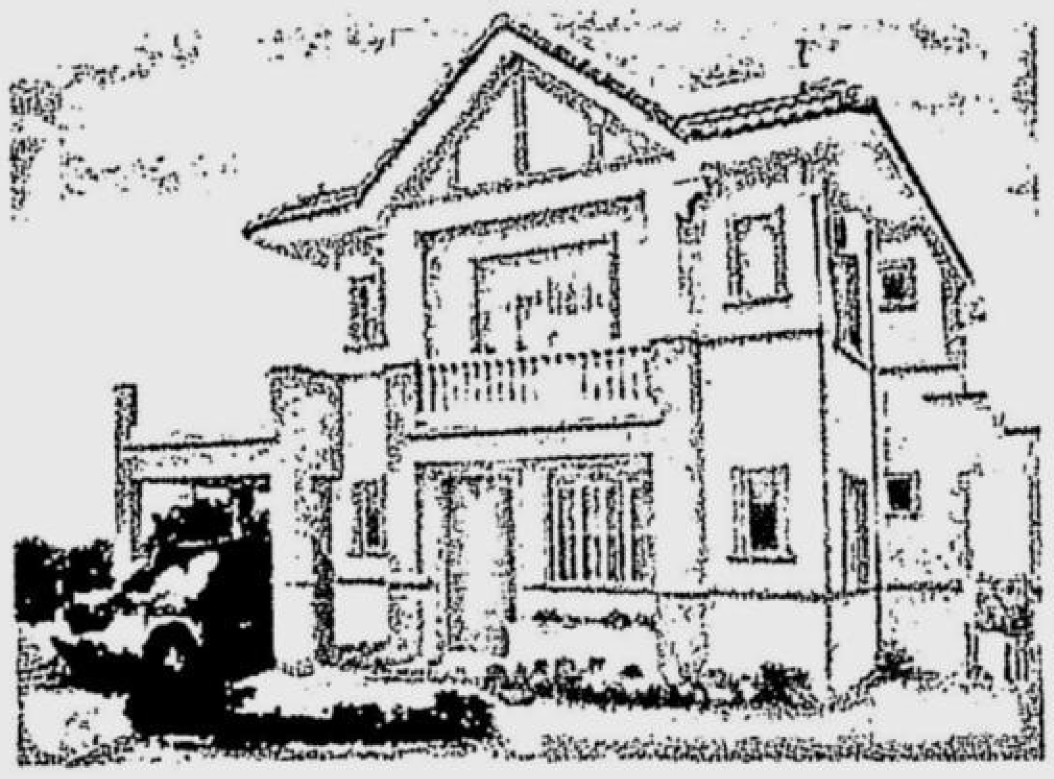

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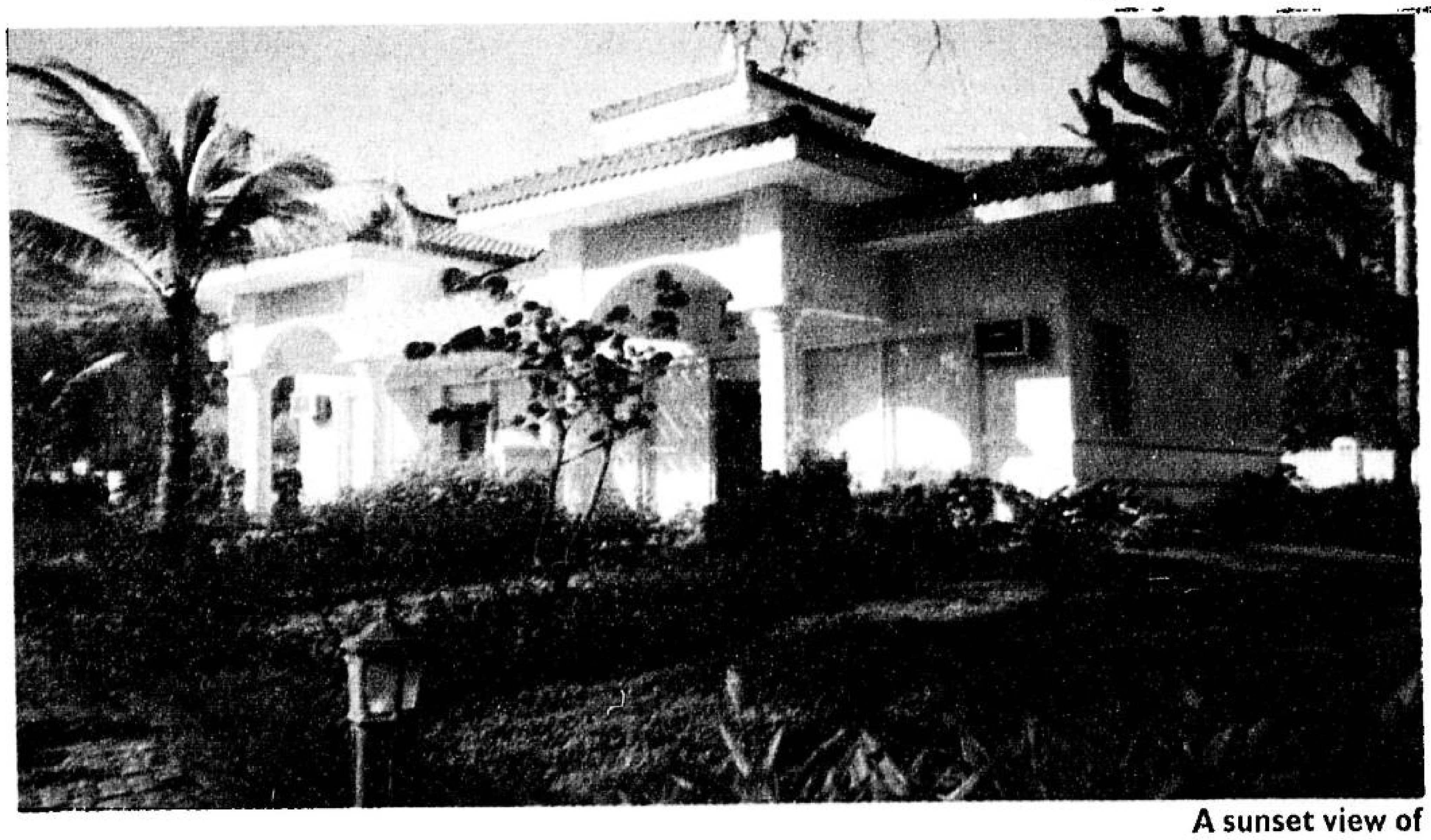
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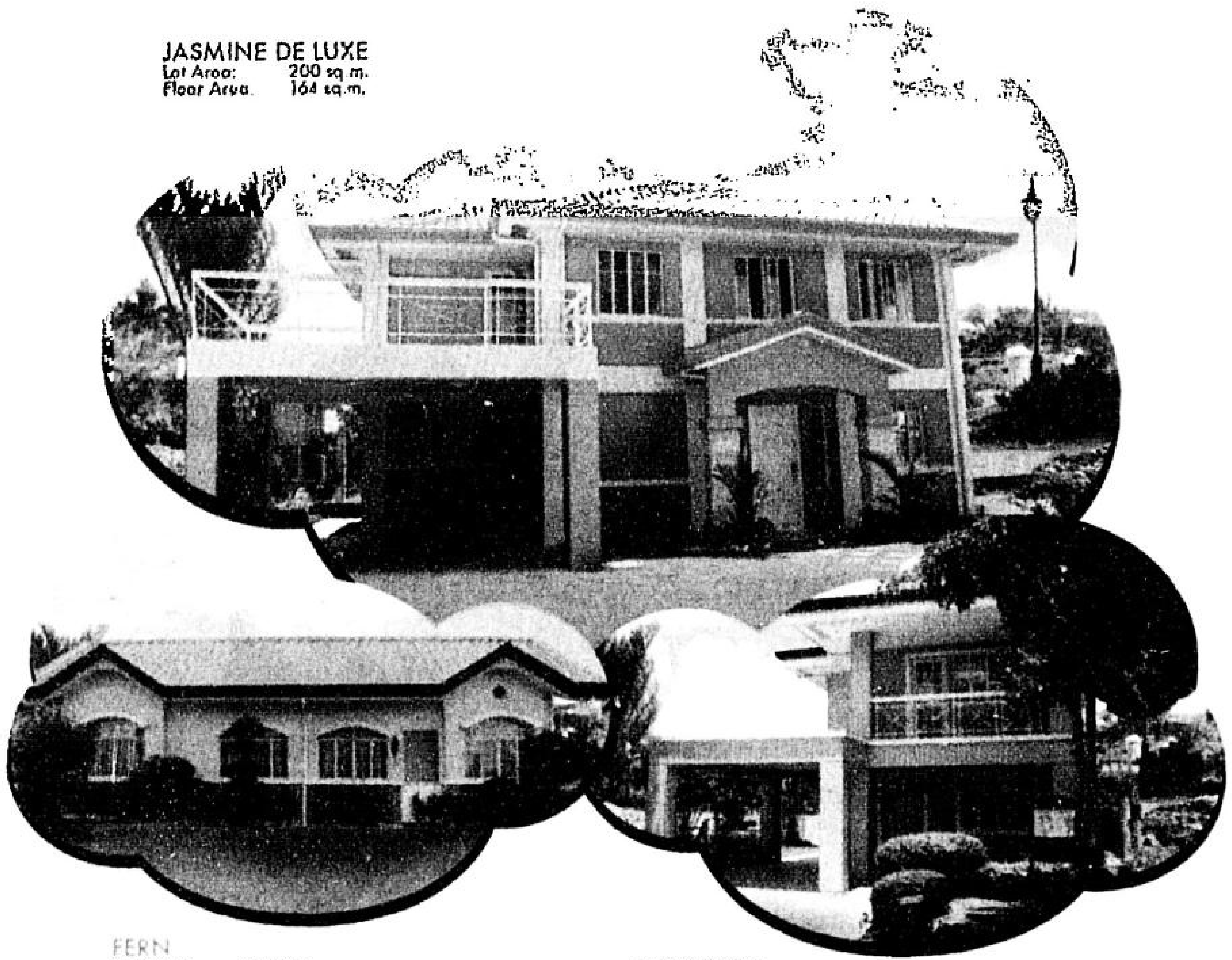

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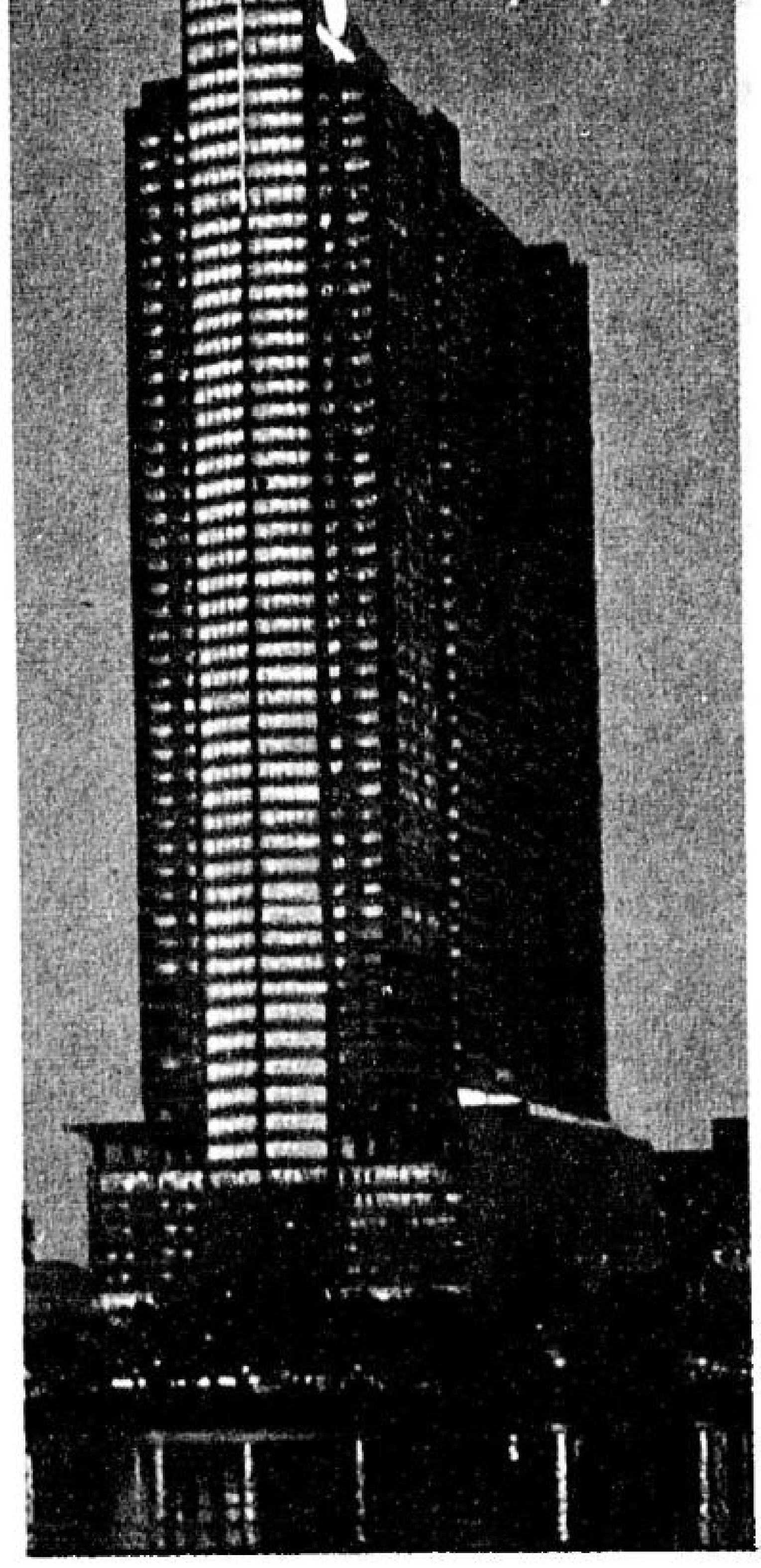

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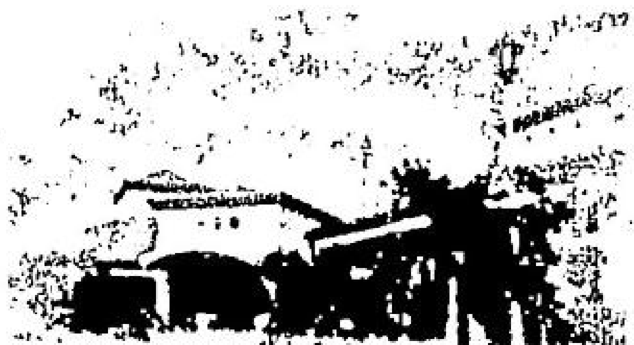

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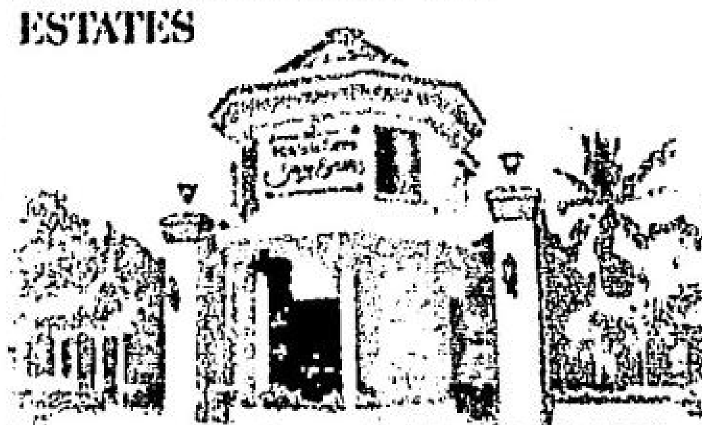

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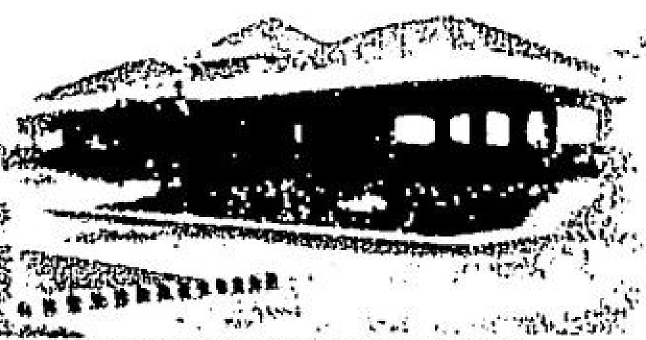

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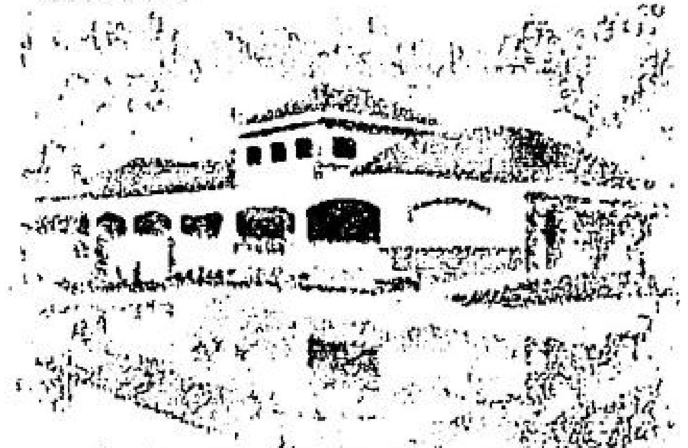

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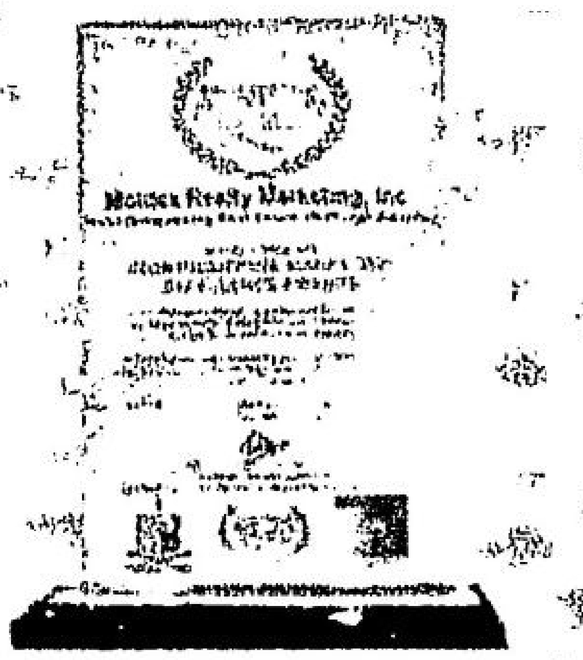

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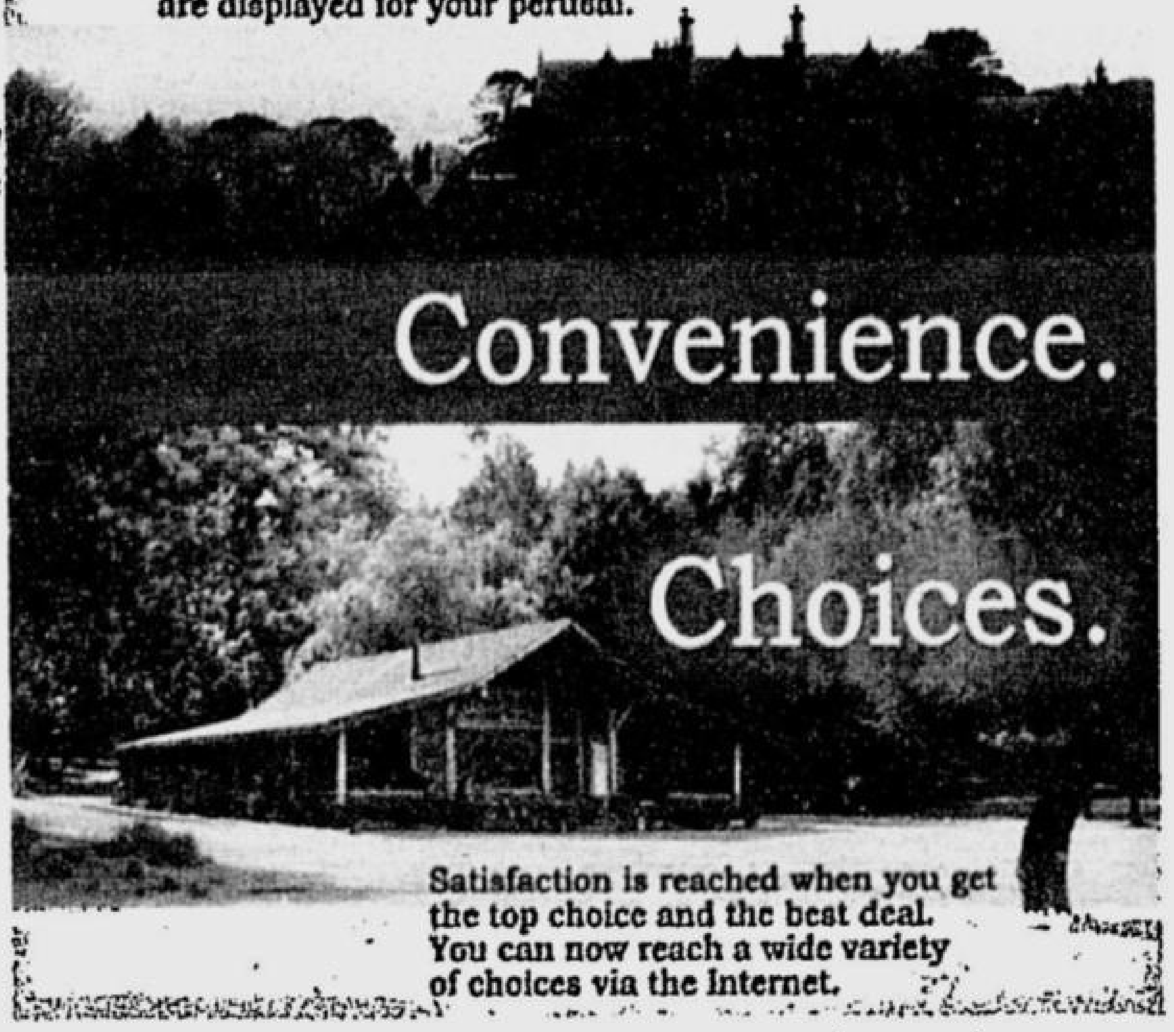
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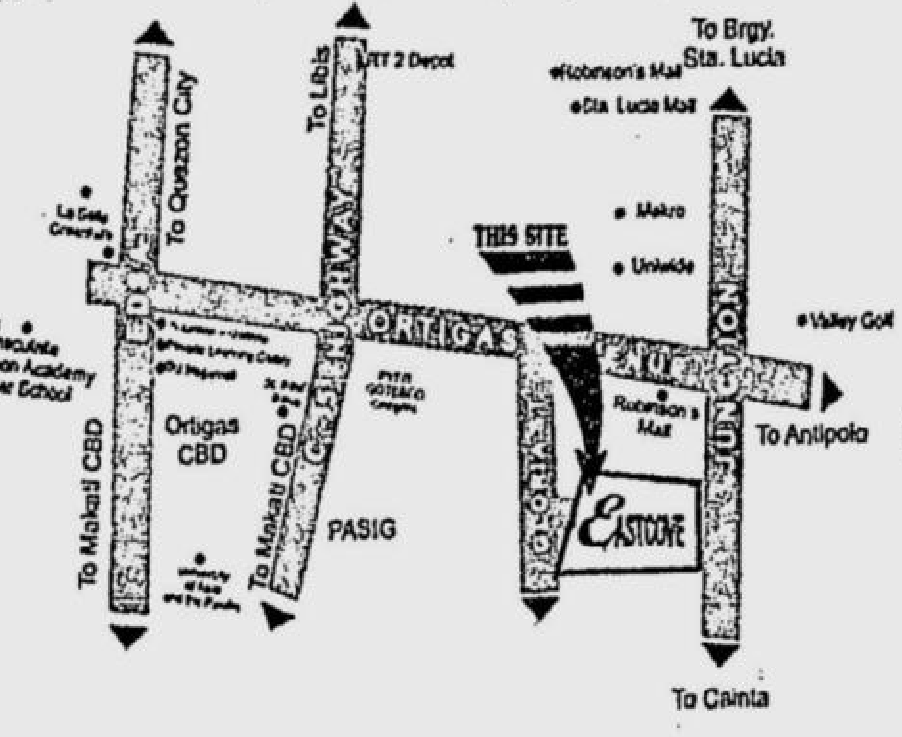
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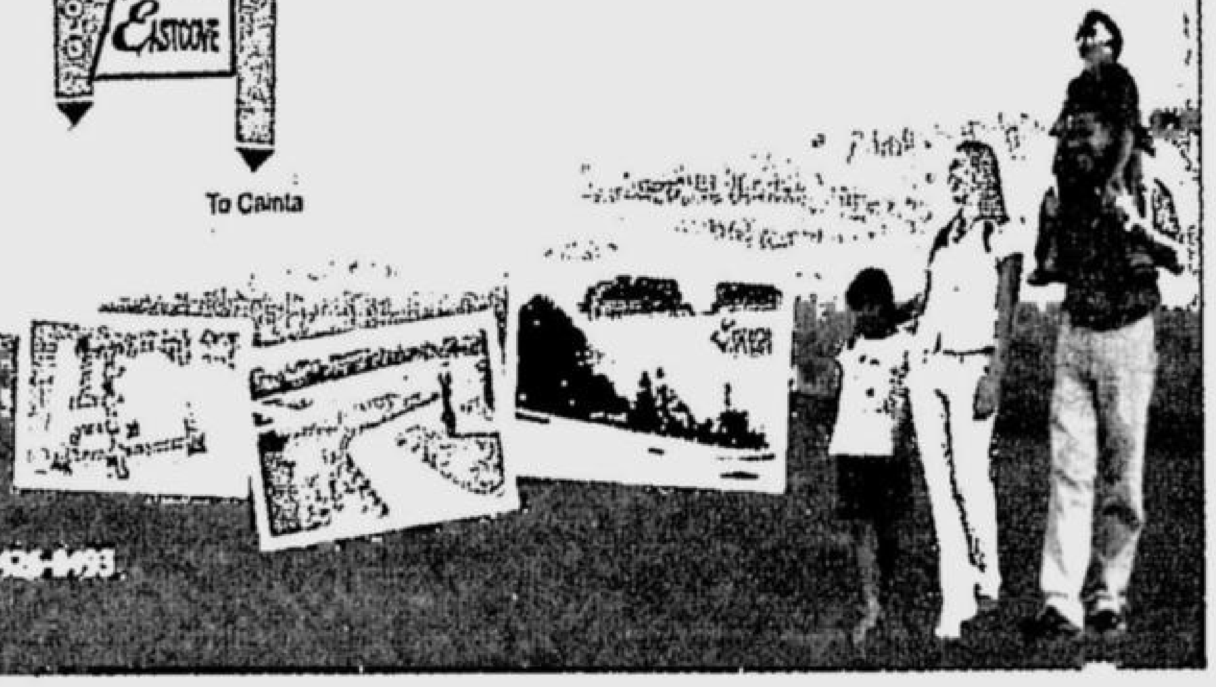

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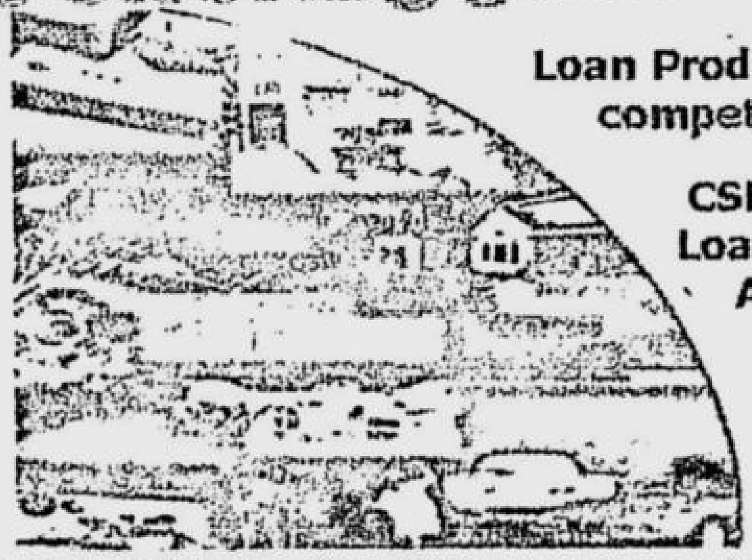

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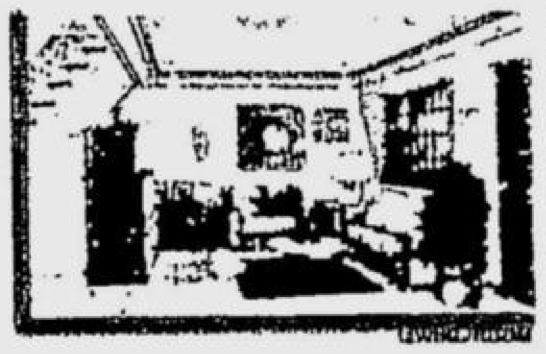

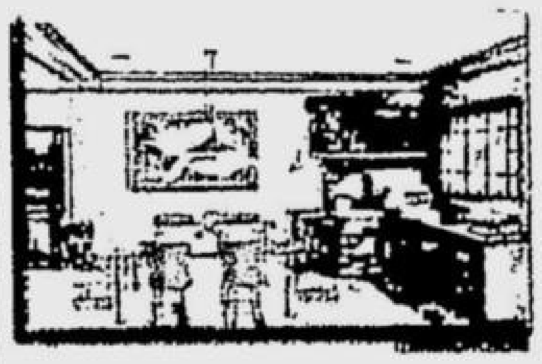

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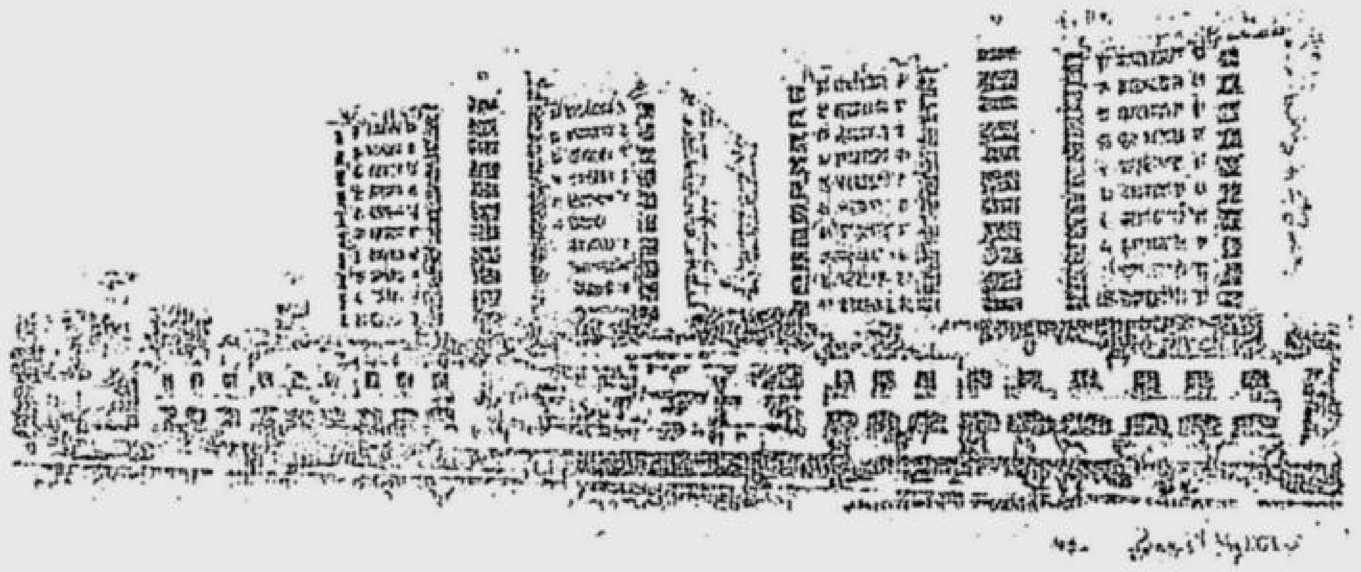

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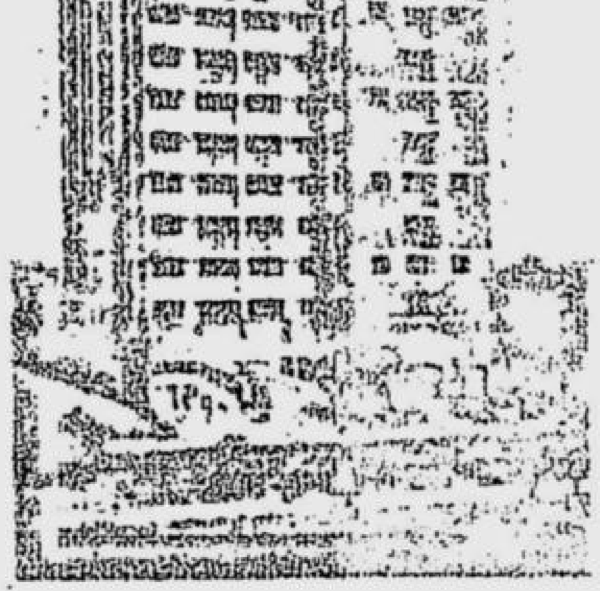

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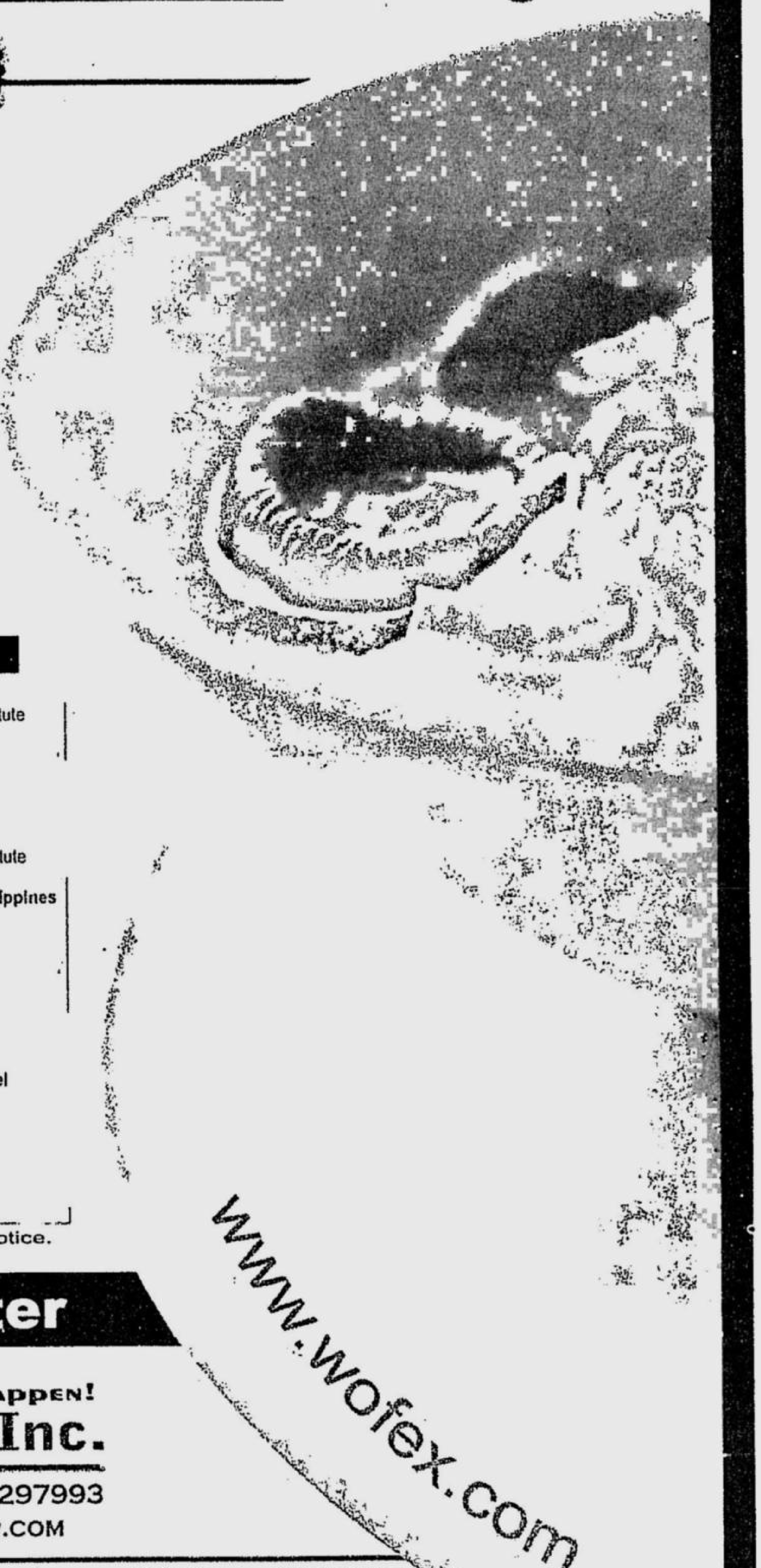

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3:00PM	Hydrocolloids, stabilizers for baking, food, sauces application by Camden Industries Inc.

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1:00PM	The World Needs Filipino Bartenders by Asian Bartending Academy
3:00PM	A Guide To Metal Detection in the Food Processing and Packaging Industries by Handyware Phils.
4:00PM	**Frenchbaker Seminar (with fee)**

AUGUST 5 (DAY 3)

1:00PM	Getting Into the Donut & Ice Cream Business by Handyware Phils.
2:30PM	Sanitation & Preventive Maintenance in the Food Industry by Handyware Philippines
3:00PM	**Fruit & Vegetable Carving by HRCAP (P500)**

AUGUST 6 (DAY 4)

1:00PM	Seminar by Ajinomoto Philippines
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AUGUST 3 (DAY 1)

12:00NN	Ensuring the Success of Your Marketing Plan by Josiah Go, President Mansmith & Fielders Inc.
2:00PM	Computerization of Financial & Manufacturing Processes of SMEs by ABM Computech
3:00PM	All About Franchising by RK Franchise Consultancy

AUGUST 4 (DAY 2)

1:00PM	J Channel Ingredients Workshop/Seminar on Meat Processing

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12:00NN	HACCP Seminar by Certified International
1:00PM	Halal..........Designing the Future of Food Industry by Most Institute
3:00PM	International Trends in Catering by Sunnex
4:00PM	Proper Handling of LPG by Petron Gasul Corp.

AUGUST 6 (DAY 4)

1:00PM	Live Life Better.....Healthy Weight Management by Mind, Body & Soul
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2:00PM	Culinary / Baking Demo by Scanasia Overseas Inc.
3:00PM	**Grand Liquored Coffee Challenge with the Philippine Bartender's League (PBL)**

AUGUST 4 (Thursday -DAY 2)

11:00AM	Halal Cooking with International Chefs by Most Institute
1:00PM	Coffeology by Robert Francisco, Boyd Coffee Co
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5:00PM	Demo by Asian Bartending Academy

AUGUST 5 (Friday -DAY 3)

11:00AM	Candies & Marmalade by Spices & Foodmix
12:00NN	Demo by Gardenia
1:00PM	Cooking with Mega Sardines
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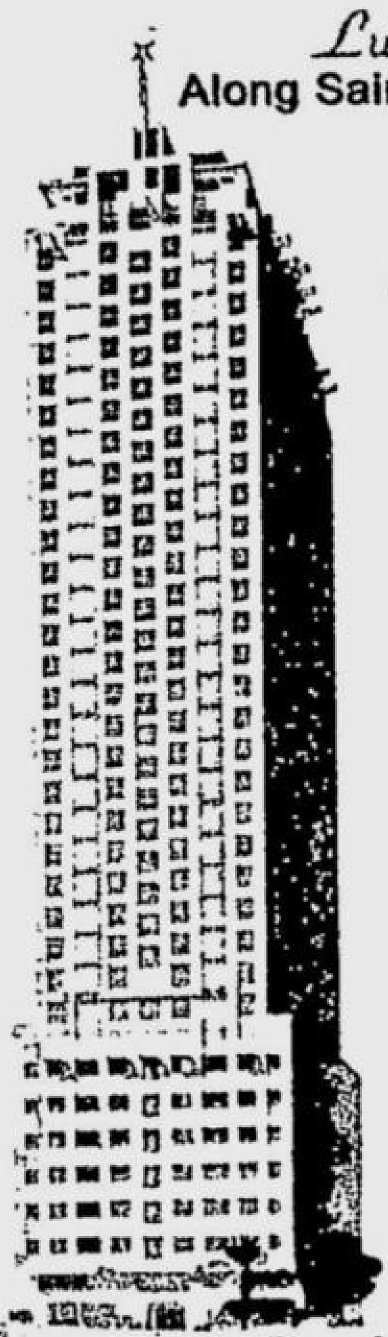

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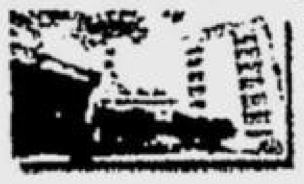

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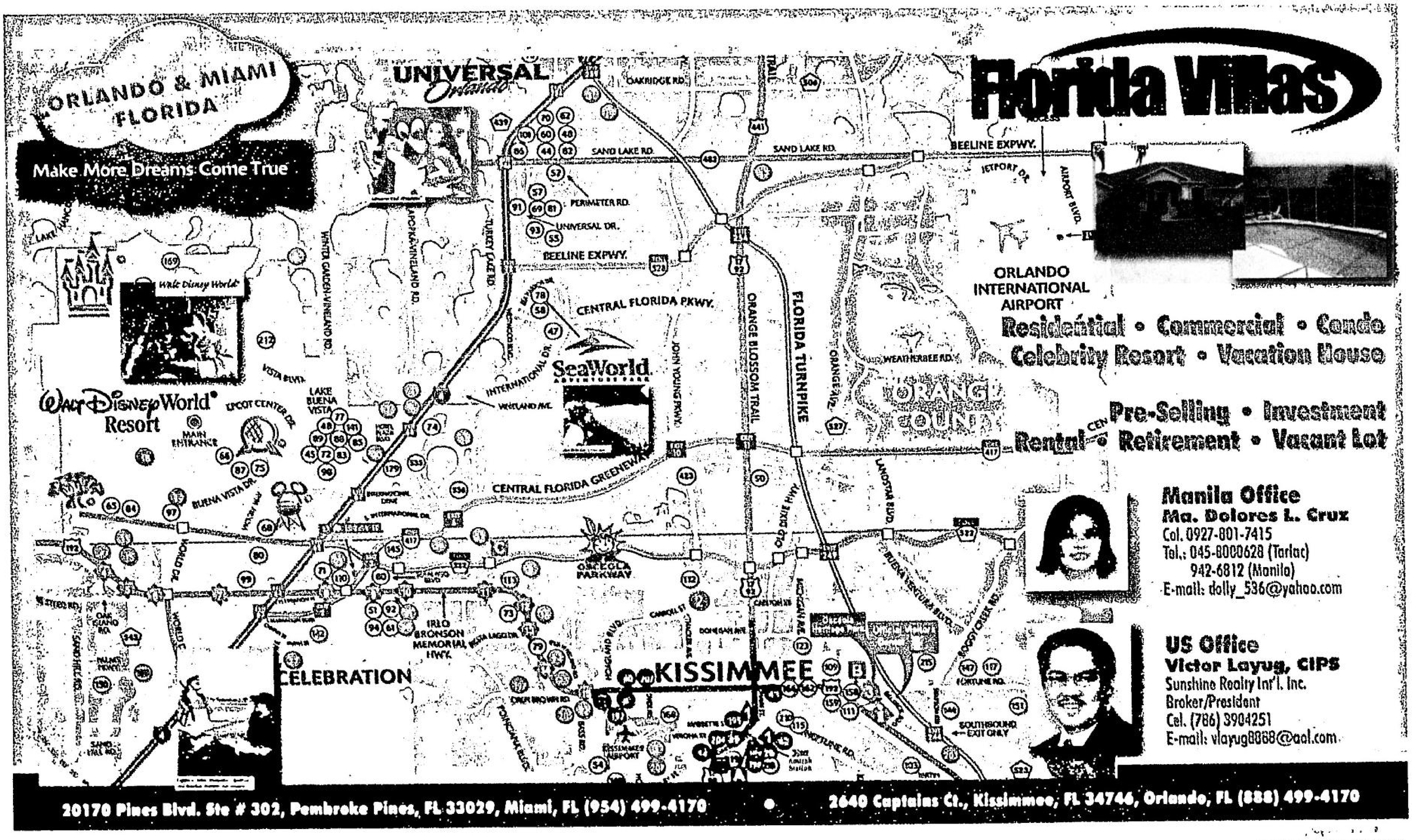
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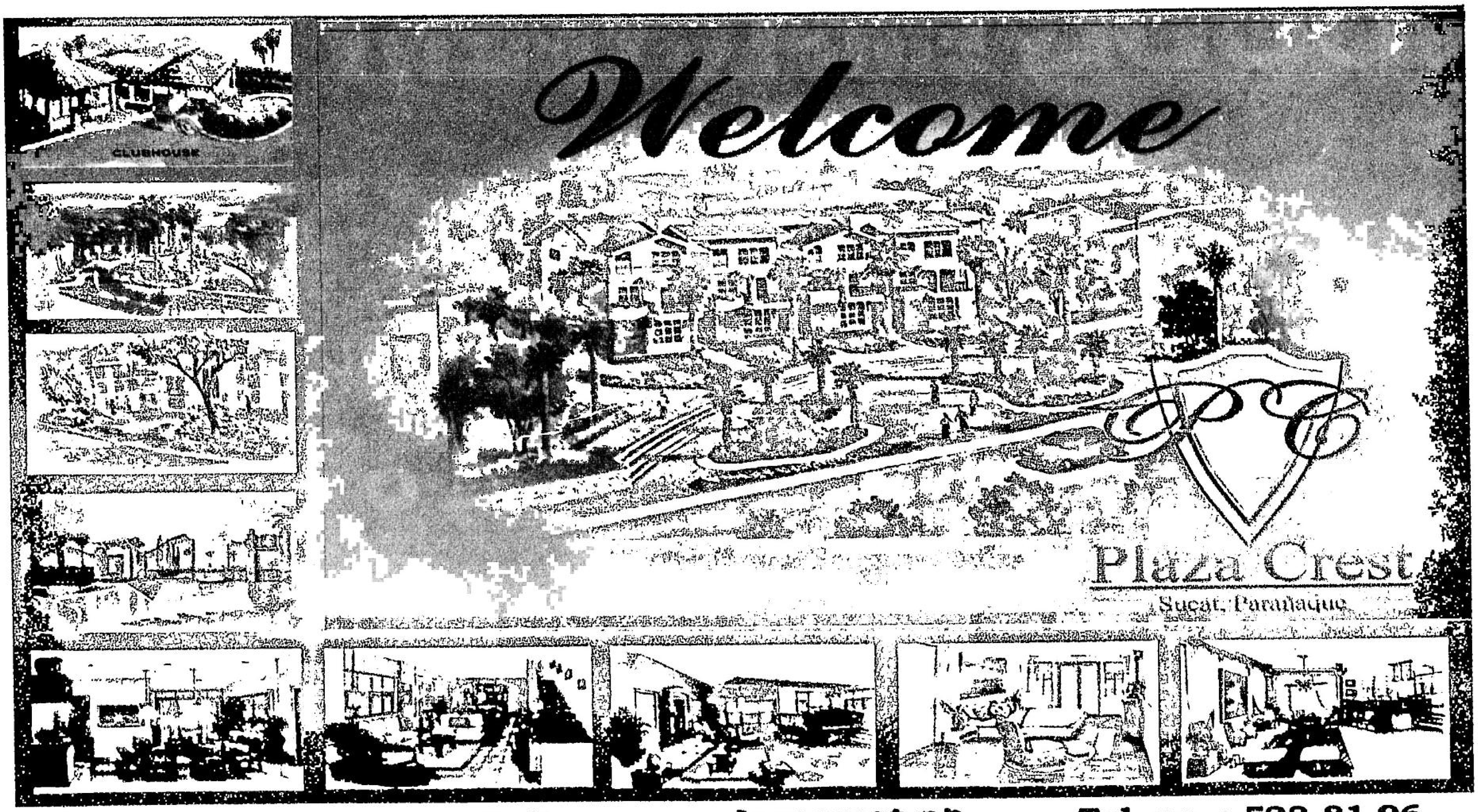
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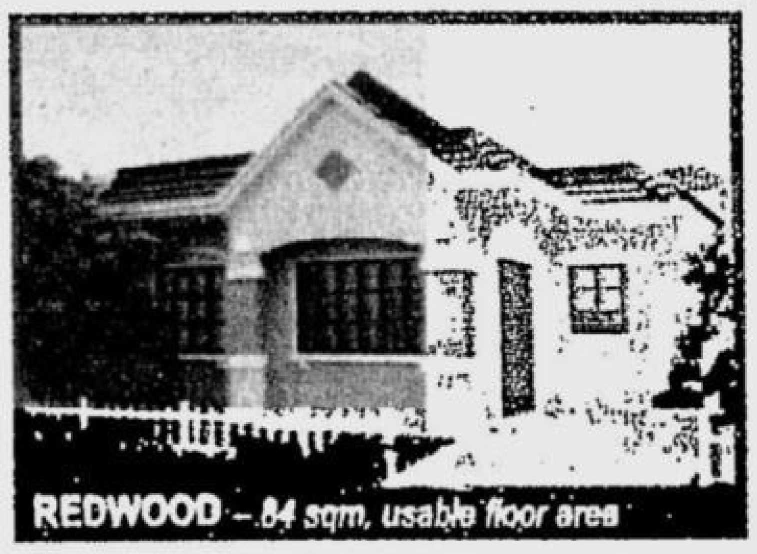
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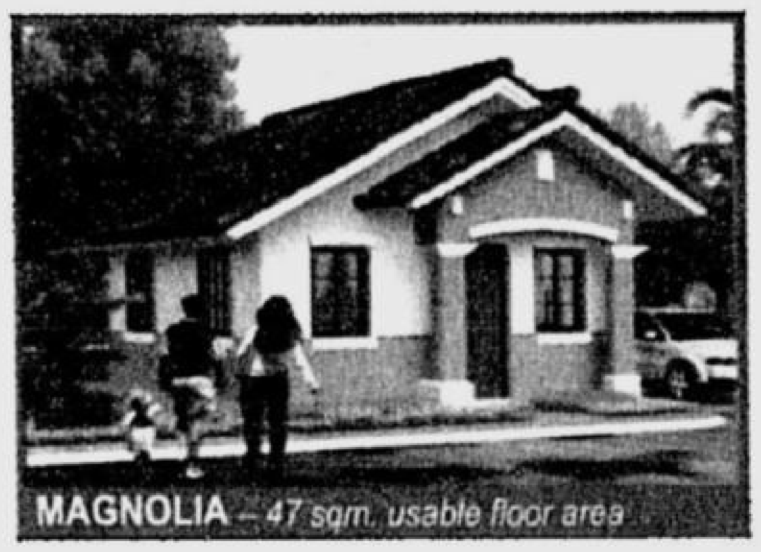
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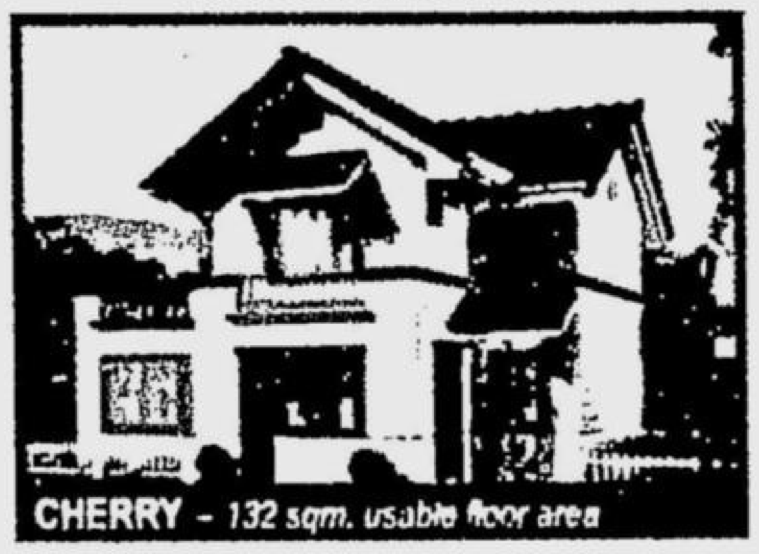
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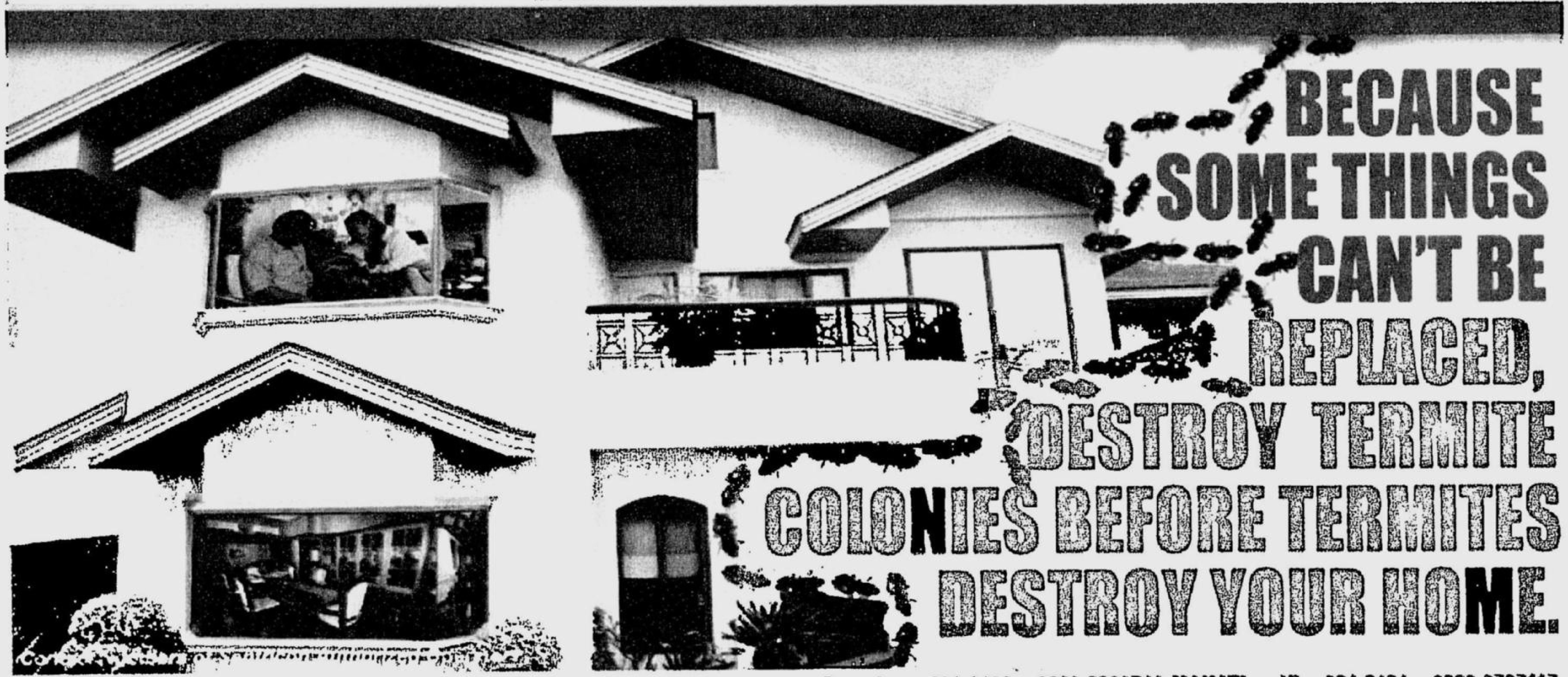

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Lot Area = 46sqm Flr area = 40sqm

Barc 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 3 Lot 6 Price = P683,000
Lot Area = 78sqm Flr area = 40sqm

Barc 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 5 Lot 42 Price = P730,000
Lot Area = 87sqm Flr area = 40sqm

Barc 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 16 Price = P782,000
Lot Area = 88sqm Flr area = 40sqm

Barc 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 104 Price = P776,000
Lot Area = 74sqm Flr area = 51sqm

Barc 3 Lot only
Blk 9 Lot 111 Price = P316,000
Lot Area = 76sqm

Barc 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 116 Price = P799,000
Lot Area = 78sqm Flr area = 51sqm

Barc 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 10 Lot 17 Price = P793,000
Lot Area = 77sqm Flr area = 51sqm

San Marino Dasmariñas,Cavite

Imus,Cavite

BarcAnx3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 1 Lot 20 Price = P763,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area = 44sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 2 Price = P387,000
Lot Area = 92sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 3 Price = P341,000
Lot Area = 81sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 4 Price = P463,000
Lot Area = 105sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 11 Price = P320,000
Lot Area = 76sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 12 Price = P378,000
Lot Area = 90sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 19 Price = P571,000
Lot Area = 124sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 20 Price = P311,000
Lot Area = 74sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 28 Price = P320,000
Lot Area = 76sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 29 Price = P353,000
Lot Area = 84sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 37 Price = P353,000
Lot Area = 84sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 38 Price = P387,000
Lot Area = [illegible]

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 46 Price = P362,000
Lot Area = 86sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 47 Price = P486,000
Lot Area = 105sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 64 Price = P374,000
Lot Area = 82sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 65 Price = P490,000
Lot Area - 106sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 60 Price = P383,000
Lot Area = 91sqm

BarcAnx3 Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 63 Price = P458,000
Lot Area 97sqm

La Trinidad Trece Martires,Cavite

Imus,Cavite

Barc 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 10 Lot 23 Price = P788,000
Lot Area = 78sqm Flr area = 51sqm

Barc 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 10 Lot 30 Price = P868,000
Lot Area = 99sqm Flr area = 51sqm

Barc 4 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 3 Lot 20 Price = P595,000
Lot Area = 56sqm Flr area = 44sqm

Barc 4 Lot only
Blk 10 Lot 7 Price = P368,000
Lot Area = 87.5sqm

Barc 4 Lot only
Blk 10 Lot 9 Price = P444,000
Lot Area = 96sqm

Barc 4 Lot only
Blk 11 Lot 9 Price = P1,160,000
Lot Area = 261sqm

Barc 4 Lot only
Blk 11 Lot 10 Price = P1,086,000
Lot Area = 235sqm

Barc 4 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 12 Lot 8 Price = P1,151,000
Lot Area = 249sqm

Barc 4 Lot only
Blk 12 Lot 9 Price = P592,000
Lot Area = 128sqm

Barc 4 Lot only
Blk 12 Lot 11 Price = P1,036,000
Lot Area = 169sqm

Barc 4 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 13 Lot 9 Price = P458,000
Lot Area = 99sqm

San Pedro,Laguna

Woodhills Ave Lot w improvement
Blk 6 Lot 16 Price = P451,000
Lot Area = 50sqm Flr area = 32sqm

Woodhills Main Lot w improvement
Blk 18 Lot 112 Price = P639,000
Lot Area = 84sqm Flr area = 32sqm

Woodhills Main Lot only
Blk 22 Lot 23 Price = P486,000
Lot Area = 120sqm

Woodhills Main Lot only
Blk 27 Lot 17 Price = P353,000
Lot Area = 96sqm

Woodhills Main Lot only
Blk 36 Lot 5 Price = P467,000
Lot Area = 113sqm

Woodhills Main Lot w/ improvement
Blk 36 Lot 12 Price = P583,000
Lot Area = 265sqm Flr area = 32sqm

Carissa Homes Tanza,Cavite

Tanza,Cavite

Carissa Homes Ph1A Lot w improvement
Blk 36 Lot 2 Price = P230,000
Lot Area = 55sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1B Lot w improvement
Blk 10 Lot 7 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1B Lot w improvement
Blk 47 Lot 2 Price = P163,000
Lot Area = 33sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph4 Lot w improvement
Blk 9 Lot 40 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph6 Lot w improvement
Blk 9 Lot 14 Price = P163,000
Lot Area = 33sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph6 Lot w improvement
Blk 20 Lot 3 Price = P163,000
Lot Area = 33sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph7 Lot w improvement
Blk 57 Lot 23 Price = P167,000
Lot Area = 33sqm Flr area = 18sqm

Carissa Homes Ph7 Lot w improvement
Blk 27 Lot 13 Price = P252,000
Lot Area = 61sqm Flr area = 18sqm

Carissa Homes Ph7 Lot w improvement
Blk 32 Lot 26 Price = P167,000
Lot Area = 61sqm Flr area = 18sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1 Lot w improvement
Blk 35 Lot 11 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1 Lot w improvement
Blk 35 Lot 12 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1 Lot w improvement
Blk 39 Lot 8 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1 Lot w improvement
Blk 13 Lot 4 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1 Lot w improvement
Blk 35 Lot 7 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1 Lot w improvement
Blk 36 Lot 6 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1B Lot w improvement
Blk 13 Lot 4 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1B Lot w improvement
Blk 36 Lot 7 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Carissa Homes Ph1B Lot w improvement
Blk 35 Lot 8 Price = P169,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area = 21sqm

Northwinds City San Jose Del Monte City

Dasmariñas,Cavite

San Marino North1 Lot only
Blk 1 Lot 9 Price - P107,000
Lot Area =35sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 3 Lot 14 Price - P255,000
Lot Area =54sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 6 Lot 26 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 7 Lot 9 Price - P255,000
Lot Area =53.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 6 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 14 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 20 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm.

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 10 Lot 26 Price - P254,000
Lot Area =53.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot only
Blk 14 Lot 12 Price - P195,000
Lot Area =64sqm

San Marino North1 Lot only
Blk 16 Lot 18 Price - P254,000
Lot Area =64sqm

San Marino West1&2 Lot w improvement
Blk 9 Lot 8 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West1&2 Lot w improvement
Blk 31 Lot 30 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 6 Lot 13 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 5 Lot 19 Price - P254,000
Lot Area =53.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 6 Lot 38 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 5 Lot 40 Price - P201,000
Lot Area =36sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 19 Price P198,000
Lot Area =36sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 10 Lot 3 Price - P198,000
Lot Area =38sqm Flr area=21sqm

Tierra Monte San Mateo, Rizal

San Jose del Monte

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 19 Lot 38 Price - P418,000
Lot Area =110sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 2 Lot 25 Price - P229,000
Lot Area =50sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 6 Lot 10 Price - P377,000
Lot Area =97sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 6 Lot 22 Price - P572,000
Lot Area =159sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 80 Price - P245,000
Lot Area =55sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 85 Price - P471,000
Lot Area =127sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 88 Price - P421,000
Lot Area =111sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 89 Price - P245,000
Lot Area =55sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 11 Lot 3 Price - P276,000
Lot Area =65sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 11 Lot 4 Price - P276,000
Lot Area =65sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 3B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 3 Lot 12 Price - P446,000
Lot Area =119sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 3B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 16 Price - P355,000
Lot Area =90sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 3B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 11 Lot 16 Price - P676,000
Lot Area =192sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 3B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 12 Lot 39 Price - P799,000
Lot Area =231sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 1 Lot 2 Price - P430,000
Lot Area =114sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 1 Lot 3 Price - P430,000
Lot Area =121sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 1 Lot 4 Price - P229,000
Lot Area =50sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 1 Lot 6 Price - P399,000
Lot Area =104sqm Flr area=25sqm

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San Mateo,Rizal

Tierra Monte 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 15 Lot 12 Price - P466,000
Lot Area =115sqm Flr area=32sqm

Tierra Monte 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 17 Lot 12 Price - P375,000
Lot Area =84sqm Flr area=32sqm

Tierra Monte 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 15 Lot 2 Price - P350,000
Lot Area =85sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 16 Lot 22 Price - P247,000
Lot Area =60sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 15 Lot 28 Price - P306,000
Lot Area =70sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 26 Lot 9 Price - P306,000
Lot Area =70sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 31 Lot 33 Price - P347,000
Lot Area =84sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 3B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 2 Lot 12 Price - P276,000
Lot Area =60sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 3B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 3 Lot 12 Price - P276,000
Lot Area =60sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4A Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 6 Price - P322,000
Lot Area =66sqm Flr area=32sqm

Tierra Monte 4A Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 24 Price - P[illegible]
Lot Area =260sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4A Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 25 Price - P870,000
Lot Area =262sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4A Lot w/ improvement
Blk 14 Lot 23 Price - P329,000
Lot Area =78sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 22 Lot 3 Price - P382,000
Lot Area =74sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 23 Lot 7 Price - P382,000
Lot Area =60sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 23 Lot 14 Price - P247,000
Lot Area =50sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 24 Lot 12 Price - P247,000
Lot Area =50sqm Flr area=25sqm

Tierra Monte 4B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 24 Lot 13 Price - P247,000
Lot Area =60sqm Flr area=25sqm

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